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GUY'S DRUG STORES SIGN WITH CLERKS

REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

'Much News of Many People'

Lately The Labor Journal has been running, as some of you may have noted, a considerable number of brief items under the heading, "Much News of Many People."

This is part of our general effort to pack into this little paper each week as much news as possible, along with as much vigorous expression of opinion as possible.

If either news or comment is allowed to run down a paper, the value of that paper declines.

And our experience has been that there is much news, some of it gathered by ourselves, some of it frankly clipped from other sources and shortened down, which is well worth publishing, even if it gets in some time after happening.

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Papers Copy Us

Many readers miss important items of considerable direct or indirect significance to labor, which crop up in the daily press, and we consider it a real service to watch for these and print them in concise form.

We might add that The Labor Journal turns out enough original news of its own, gathered from our unions, to justify the daily papers in watching our columns and garnering items from them. And the daily papers do watch out columns and do so garner items which they don't hesitate to publish. That's fine. Turn about is fair play.

But to return to these very short items. It is odd how much more interesting facts seem to many of us if they're stated very concisely. For example, here's one item published recently in our "Much News of Many People" column:

BAY BRIDGE TRAFFIC in October was 2,311,017 vehicles as compared to 2,197,846 the previous month. Total collections in October: $683,694; in September, $654,264.

If that were buried in a long story, you might not notice it. But just as a little nubbin of information, you're likely to note it, be interested, and remark to a friend, "Well, I see that in October over two million automobiles rolled across the Bay Bridge."

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Sloppy Old Trib

Incidentally, one of the many evidences of extremely sloppy editing in the well known Oakland Tribune is to be found any day in that paper's "News Front" column which contains many short items.

Very little effort is made by the Trib to start these items off with words that tell the story, that will catch the reader's eye and let him know whether or not he wishes to read it.

The sloppy old Trib just prints in boldface the first line of the item, and lets it go at that. For example, one such Trib item started off lately with these words, "The Orange County district attorney's office." Now, few of us in Alameda county give a whoop about the Orange county district attorney's office.

But if the item had started off with, "The death aboard a yacht," which was what the item was really about, many of us would have bit.

Another such item in the Trib started off with "Mrs. Mary Magley of Los Angeles." Most of us never met Mrs. Magley, and never will, so we're not greatly interested. But it seems, later on, that she claims "it's cruel for a husband to adorn their bedroom with pictures of his four ex-wives, all beautiful."

So if the item had started off with "It's cruel for a husband," or with "Pictures of his four ex-wives," look how many more of us would have been interested! For one person interested in Mrs. Mary Magley there are literally thousands interested in cruel husbands and in pictures of four ex-wives, all beautiful!

But why should we work too hard trying to teach those poor gutless non-union workers on the Trib how to compete with The Labor Journal and keep Mr. Knowland's little boy in the U. S. Senate?

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We Call Your Attention . . .

While we don't deny there are many other interesting items in this issue, we especially call your attention to:

State Fed Secretary Haggerty's article on page six, estimating where labor stands this holiday season.

Editorial on page six entitled "What Right Has VA to Decide Length of Union Work Week?"

The "Much News of Many People" column we've been discussing above, to see whether you think it's worth while.

The report in the Nothing Personal Column on this page of the colloquy Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., had with the officers of the AFL Educational League of Alameda county.

CHIEFS OF 20 RAIL unions affiliated with the Railway Labor Executives' Association, at a meeting in Washington, mapped a legislative program to be pushed at the next session of Congress.—(LPA)

Civic Groups Told Of Committee On Education's Plans

Leon C. Babbitt, chairman of the Citizens' Committee on Education, has sent out the following letter to many civic groups, inviting them to take note of the committee's work, and to send a representative to the next meeting of the committee at Hotel Leamington, January 5, at 8 p.m.:

Fellow Citizens:

Recognizing the important role your organization is playing in civic affairs the Citizens' Committee on Education wishes to call your attention to a matter which we feel is of vital importance to the future of this city.

Our committee was organized to make a study of the local educational set up in line with the "Save Our Schools" movement which has resulted in the formation of similar groups in other cities of the nation.

We have received many letters and phone calls pointing out flagrant abuses of educational ethics, low teacher morale, serious housing and curricular deficiencies and general undemocratic action by the Board of Education. We feel that it is time that every civic minded group in this city take an immediate and lasting interest in this matter.

As you are no doubt aware by this time the Citizens' Committee on Education has asked the Board of Education to authorize and conduct a complete top to bottom survey of the Oakland Public Schools. A survey of city government has just been completed and should be extended to include the Oakland School Department. There has never been such a study made.

We have evidence that people want to know what goes on, particularly when we have all voted to put a good portion of our tax money into the hands of the Board to do as it pleases.

It is in your power to perform a great service to the children of our city by writing to the Oakland Board of Education requesting that an immediate survey be made of the Oakland Public Schools.

We also feel that it is of great importance that a new Board of Education be elected as soon as possible. Four members, a majority, will be elected this April. Also the Committee is deeply concerned over the matter of selecting a new Superintendent. An experienced administrator of the highest type is required.

The Committee is recommending Mr. William S. Briscoe who will be available next year. In the opinion of the Committee he is fully qualified by twenty years service in the Oakland Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent in charge of elementary grades and secondary schools and of the building program. Mr. Briscoe has been called to Santa Monica to reorganize the local school system. No appointment should be made until July, the end of the school year.

We hope that you will be able to send a representative to the next meeting of the Citizens' Committee on Education, to be held Wednesday, January 5th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Hotel Leamington. Let us see this through together.

Cordially yours,
LEON C. BABBITT.

CANDIDATES STANDARDS

Babbitt informs The Labor Journal that at the last meeting of the Citizens' Education Committee considerable time and discussion were spent on the setting up of standards for selection of candidates for the Board of Education for next Spring's election. In brief, the following were agreed upon:

1.—That the candidates should be long-time residents of Oakland... that is for a sufficiently long period to have enabled the candidate to have become well acquainted with the local situation and needs particularly in relation to the school system.

2.—That the candidates should be persons who have demonstrated civic interest and a sense of social responsibility through participation in civic affairs.

3.—That the candidates (men or women) be selected from those with experience in fields related to the type of business with which a Board of Education finds itself involved.

4.—That the candidates be young people, preferably parents with children now in attendance in the Oakland Public Schools.

5.—That the four candidates finally selected as a recommended slate should be chosen so as to represent all sections of the city.

"BOARD'S NOTICES"

During the course of the evening's discussion, said Babbitt, many instances of poor public and personal relations resulting from the Board of Education's tactics were brought forward pointing out the urgent necessity for the selection and electing of four new members.

One of the prime requisites the Committee also decided upon was that any candidate should pledge himself or herself to insisting upon an immediate survey of the Oakland Public Schools.

Annual March of Dimes Begins

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash as Vice-Chairman Of Drive Stresses Special Needs This Year of Unusual Polio Infection in County and State

Preparations for the annual March of Dimes got under way this week, with polio worse this year in Alameda county and in California than it has ever been, and accordingly with extra effort being planned to raise money for fighting the dangerous disease.

As of December 1, 240 new cases of polio had been reported this year to the Alameda County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, according to figures given by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, who is a vice-persident of the local chapter.

In addition to the 240 new cases, 400 old cases had to be cared for in the county.

This unprecedented number of cases meant that by the end of the year a total of some $100,000 will have been spent in the county fighting the disease, and that for the past two or three months more than $15,000 a month has been spent here.

WARREN STATE CHAIRMAN

This tremendous job of fighting polio, or infantile paralysis, has been financed largely through small contributions, Ash points out, with members of organized labor realizing that the March of Dimes and its results are especially important to labor families.

Although the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was founded by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the foundation and the March of Dimes which finances it are operated on a strictly nonpartisan basis.

Governor Warren is the active State Chairman of the March of Dimes. Senators Knowland and Downey, one Republican and one Democrat, are on the State Executive Committees of the organization.

SHELLEY ACTIVE

State Federation of Labor President John F. Shelley is chairman of the March of Dimes Northern California Committee, and Bjorne Halling of the CIO is one of the vice-chairmen.

The drive here is headed by City Manager John F. Hassler. The drive culminates January 31.

Leading business men are on the State and local committees. Harry A. Mitchell, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, heads the March of Dimes drive in San Francisco.

The Oakland Area General Appeals Board, an organization made up of business men and others interested in checking on drives for funds, failed to give the March of Dimes drive here this year its formal approval, on the ground that under the system adopted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, financial aid is not denied to anyone regardless of economic status, and that the foundation already had a surplus on hand.

ASH EXPLAINS METHODS

Robert S. Ash, speaking as a vice-chairman of the local chapter, explained that since it is highly essential to start treatment promptly in polio cases, aid is given to anyone, rich or poor, who is afflicted. But as equipment is needed for long phases of the treatment, payment is asked from those able to afford it.

As for the foundation having a surplus, that is essential, Ash said, as emergencies such as the current one in California, have to be met by the sending in of funds from the national headquarters of the foundation to the area where the epidemic prevails. Moreover, a surplus is needed to finance research, which is carried on persistently.

NATIONAL HEAD EXPLAINS

Here are portions of the speech made by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in San Francisco last Saturday, outlining the seriousness of the situation in California:

"I think it can be truthfully said that in every great battle, there comes a crucial moment—a time when victory really hangs in the balance. Sometimes only the perspective of history enables one to look back and say: 'This was the place—this was the point where the tide turned.'

"Your National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, ladies and gentlemen, has come to such a point. Today we are entering our crucial period.

"We have just come through a severe, nation-wide test of strength. The great epidemics of 1948 have put your National Foundation on trial for its very life.

"We can well assume that more than 27,000 new cases of infantile paralysis will have been reported this year, as the result of a series of outbreaks that began early in May and leap-frogged across the continent from North Carolina to Texas and California."

MONEY NEEDED DESPERATELY

"Here then, frankly, is the situation. On the one hand, there is tangible, scientific hope for solution of this disease if adequate research continues—on the other,

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CLC Affiliates in Conference on Per Capita Adjustment

Executive board members of local unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council met with CLC delegates Monday night, instead of the regular CLC meeting, to discuss per capita adjustment.

Douglas Geldert, speaking for the CLC trustees, read a report, which was then discussed. The trustees are Harris Wilkin, Ray Lewicki, and Geldert.

No formal motions were made, as the meeting, attended by more than 100 persons, was intended solely for the exchange of information.

The proposed adjustment will go to referendum in the affiliated locals.

Any officer or member of any affiliated local seeking further information on the matter can take it up with CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash.

New Year's Party For VFW Labor Post

Editor, Labor Journal:

The members of Union Labor Post No. 1917, Veterans of Foreign Wars, wish to extend the seasons greetings and, to let the membership of the many Local Unions know that our Post is having their annual New Years' Eve Party, Friday evening, December 31. Tickets are $3.00 each. Mix for drinks are furnished, also buffet lunch. For tickets contact Melvin Jean at 16213 Via Anacapa Ave., San Lorenzo, phone LUcerne 1-4574, or James Feeney at OLympic 2-8789. For a good time on New Year's Eve. be at 200 Grand Ave. Veterans Memorial Bldg., Oakland.

Yours fraternally,
R. A. FRYER,
Publicity Chairman

ATTENTION! Sheet Metal Workers, Local 216

Our next regular meeting will be held in the new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Wednesday January 5, 1949, at 8:00 P. M. The following apprentices will be initiated at this meeting: William H. Christian, William E. Haake, Reno Paganelli, Jack Bauer, Roger E. Fahey, Ralph Lee Harding, David R. Silva, Wayne Siders.

On and after December 28, 1948, our office will be in the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, Room 207, telephone TWinoaks 3-3010.

Members are herewith reminded of our new wage scale of $2.25 per hour starting January 1, 1949.

The officers of Local No. 216 wish to extend to all our members A Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

JOE F. BRUSS,
President

Next Meetings Of CLC and BTC In NEW Temple

There will be no meeting of the Building Trades Council until Tuesday, January 11, President Al Clem announces, owing to the holiday season.

The Central Labor Council will hold its next meeting Monday, January 3, President A. G. Alameida announces.

Both Councils will meet in the new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.

State BTC Head at Local Council In Outline of Plans

Frank Lawrence, recently elected president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, appeared at the meeting of the Building Trades Council Tuesday night and outlined plans for the ensuing year.

President Lawrence particularly asked cooperation in the full and detailed reporting of all abuse of the State license law by persons pretending to be legitimate owner-builders but actually functioning as contractors.

In order to plug the loopholes, said Lawrence, it is essential to have full and detailed data.

Telling of subjects before the coming session of the Legislature, Lawrence said that arrangements have been made to have the State Federation of Labor and the State Building Trades maintain joint headquarters at Sacramento, so that there will be an adequate office force and facilities.

Lawrence said that all labor should get behind having a new bridge being built immediately. It was perhaps a little early to boost a particular route, he said, but certainly not too early to insist that a bridge be built very soon.

International In On Culinary Deal

International Organizer C. T. McDonough has been assigned by the international union's headquarters to head negotiations between the culinary crafts here and the employers. A meeting has been arranged for Monday at 2 p.m., at which McDonough will head the union delegation.

The hotel, restaurant and tavern owners are represented by W. J. Dykhouse for United Employers.

The unions having reached an impasse recently had suggested that the Federal Conciliation Service step in, but now that McDonough is on the negotiations this plan has been sidetracked.

The contract runs until 1952, but has been regularly opened for consideration of wages alone.

The unions negotiating are Cooks 228, Culinary Alliance 31, and Bartenders 52.

NOTICE! Painters' Local 40

The meeting of Friday, December 24, has been canceled. A special called meeting to elect trustee and attend to other business that may come up will be held January 14.

Yours fraternally,
CLARENCE VEZEY

Non-Union Citadel Meets Labor Terms Cuts Week 8 Hours

One of the citadels of non-unionism in the East Bay fell this week when Guy Shafer, owner and operator of the chain of seven Guy's Drug Stores, signed a contract with the Drug Division of Retail Food Clerks Local 870.

An immediate effect of the unionizing of the chain was to bring a minimum of $50 a week for all unlicensed workers in the stores, and a minimum of $400 a month for all licensed pharmacists, of whom there are some 15.

There are more than 60 workers all told in the chain.

Charles P. Omstead, secretary of Local 870, said that the union and Shafer had agreed that the reduction of hours from the present 48 now worked in six days to the union's schedule of 40 hours in five days will be achieved within 60 days.

LONG STRUGGLE

On January 15 two of the stores will go on the 5-day 40-hour week; February 1, two more stores; February 15, two more; and February 28, the seventh store will go on the new schedule.

Particular significance was attached to the signup of Guy's Drug Stores, as there has been a long history of struggle to get them unionized. The old Pharmacists Local of the Retail Clerks engaged in a long battle which got into the courts.

INTENSIVE DRIVE

Guy's Drug Stores were considered for years the center of non-unionism in the industry, and now that they have signed, it was believed that soon all the industry would be organized.

The Drug Division of Local 870 has been carrying on an intensive effort to sign up stores for some time, and President Harris Wilkin and Secretary Omstead have devoted much attention to it.

Guy's Drug Stores are located at 2101 23d avenue, 3900 Grand avenue, 1950 Fruitvale avenue, 3465 Fruitvale avenue, 2128 Broadway, 1849 Park boulevard, and 35th avenue and MacArthur boulevard. There is a warehouse at 2562 East 14th street.

Cannery Local's Christmas Party

Cannery Workers Local 750, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Teamsters, had a highly successful Christmas party December 17.

Vern Panky said that all present had a good time.

INVESTIGATION of investments of funds by the nation's insurance companies will be asked of the House Judiciary Committee by its incoming chairman, Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.)—(LPA

NOTICE! Hayward Carpenters

The regular meeting scheduled for December 31, 1948 has been canceled. The office wil be closed at noon on December 24th and December 31st.

H. E. REDDING,
Recording Secretary

Automotive Lodge 1546 Installs at Christmas Party

Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 had a big and successful Christmas party the night of December 16 at the Civic Auditorium Arena.

There were at least 982 present, for that many tickets were taken

Presents were distributed to all the children, and both children and adults enjoyed the ten acts of vaudeville and other features, with many of the grownups dancing till a late hour.

Newly elected officers were installed, and pins denoting 25-year and 15-year membership in the lodge were distributed.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Installation ceremonies were conducted by International Vice-President Roy M. Brown. The following were installed:

President, F. B. Barnhardt; vice-president, Harry Brodie; financial secretary, John E. Clark; recording secretary, A. J. Hayes; treasurer, Roy Deibler.

Delegates to State Conference of Machinists and all conventions: John E. Clark, Carl Englund, A. J. Hayes, O. R. Stephenson, E. H. Vernon.

Executive Board: M. F. Damas, Chris Dixon, John Hector, Harry Lear, Edward Merritt, George Thomas, Ralph Ulrich, and Bob Wagner.

Trustees: J. Balli, H. J. Doty.

Law and Legislative Committee: F. B. Barnhardt, John E. Clark, Chris Dixon, Carl Englund, O. R. Stephenson, George A. Thomas, A. J. Hayes.

MEMBERSHIP PINS

Lodge 1546 has been in existence since 1920, so when a 25-year membership pin was presented to General Business Representative E. H. Vernon, it signified that he had been a member of the lodge from the early years.

The following were presented with 15-year membership pins: H. Ackerman, H. Andrade, H. P. Bordeau, H. T. Cary, A. Clark, A. L. Endres, A. J. Hayes, John F. Lewis, C. F. Linquist, W. Randolph, H. J. Reid, A. E. Sligh, R. Spindler, Joe Stall, Charles L. Thompson, A. Tomsic, S. J. Turturice, W. F. Bauer, A. C. Hilden, and G. L. Migeot.

A second assistant business agent was not installed at the Christmas party, as a special election was held Tuesday night of this week for that post as the result of a protest made by a candidate when the main election was held recently. O. R. Stephenson is the incumbent in that post.

DELEGATES from 50 local unions and 17 other organizations took part in the conference of the Labor Education Association on union health and welfare programs in Philadelphia.—(LPA)

Nothing Personal

Through the good efforts of T. J. (Tommy) Roberts, Congressman elect John J. Allen, Jr. of the 7th Congressional District paid a visit last Thursday to the Labor Temple and met with the officers of the AFL Educational League of Alameda County. The purpose of the visit of the Congressman was outlined by Tommy who said that Mr. Allen had expressed a desire to meet with the Labor movement and discuss the Taft-Hartley law and other legislation that would be coming up when Congress convenes in January.

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To the credit of the Congressman, he showed up and underwent quite a grilling for the better part of three hours by labor's representatives. Those present beside Congressman Allen were: Lew C. G. Blix, Don M. Witt, A. G. Alameida, Les Moore, Tom Bryson, Wm. P. Fee, Joe W. Chaudet, T. J. Roberts, Paul Jones, J. C. Reynolds, Robert S. Ash, Lou Kovacevich, J. W. Austin, Louis Martin, Al Clem, H. S. Rutledge, Vane Dart.

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The Taft-Hartley Law, naturally, came in for the longest discussion and all of the above representatives entered into a lively and interesting discussion with the Congressman about the evils of that damn law and how it individually affected their own local unions, their internationals and the labor movement in general. The debate at times got a bit heated by some of the labor representatives and a few personalities were indulged in, but in fairness to the Congressman he took it all very well and went into some of the deeper ramifications of the law and how the local boys felt about any amendments that might be proposed when Congress convenes.

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To a man the above labor representatives were for outright repeal of the T-H law, the re-enactment of the Wagner Act and upon amendments to that the following are some of the thoughts that were expressed. That any amendments should carry the following provisions: 1—Banning of jurisdictional strikes. 2—The outlawing of communists in the labor movement, not by signing an affidavit but by legal means that would allow unions to take care of any members that might be members of the party. 3—A sixty day cooling off period in disputes affecting the national welfare. 4—The banning of injunctions in labor disputes. 5—Monthly publications (itemized) of all unions' financial status, and monthly statements to every member. 6—Referendum elections every two years on officers, and referendums on assessments and all changes of constitution. 7—Outlawing of receiverships of local unions. 8—And the full and complete control of local unions by its members. These were not official motions, but suggestions by various individuals.

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While some of the above may seem a bit radical to SOME members of the labor movement, the thoughts expressed seem to sum up the attitudes of the labor representatives on amendments that might be made if that was necessary to enact another Labor-Management Act. Hughie Rutledge took up at length also the apprenticeship program that most of the AFL unions are sponsoring and the excellent work that is being done in apprentice training by the labor-management team. Shipbuilding for the West Coast and particularly the East Bay, Housing, Federal Aid to Education were some of the other matters that were discussed, but due to the lack of time these other subjects did not get the full treatment that the T-H law did.

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We imagine that Congressman Allen felt somewhat like Daniel when he entered the lions den and the 7th district representative voted for the T-H law certainly had to face a wrecking crew as attested by the above named representatives. In all of the discussions the Congressman did express the desire to get the feelings of the local people and we are sure that he did, some of it quite emphatic, but we also believe that some good did come out of the meeting. Congressman Allen was kind enough to seek the meeting. He knows how your representatives feel about the T-H law, if any amendments to a new law are necessary he has the thoughts of the local labor movement and the ideas that we of labor have on other subjects. The Congressman knows now how the AFL in this county feels on other proposed legislation. He has had our thoughts, the voting will be up to him. We shall look forward with pleasure to scanning the votes of the 7th district representative in this coming session.

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To each and everyone in the labor movement we wish to extend our sincere wishes for a bright and happy 1949. May the good Lord watch over you, keep you and abide with you in the coming year.

More Seekers, Fewer Jobs, Last Month Reported

State Govt. Release

Employment levels fell off in Alameda during November with the general decrease which occurred in the hiring activities of almost all industries. The hiring of workers has slowed, both because of lessened turnover and because employment expansion has been smaller in some activities than was anticipated. At the same time, normal seasonal layoffs are occurring and, in construction, these layoffs are heavier than was the case last year.

Added to those developments have been the direct and indirect effects of prolonged labor disputes. During November, as a result of these and other factors, 51,632 persons contacted the five local employment offices in Alameda County, a 12 per cent increase over October and 22 per cent more than last year.

An increasing number of persons are seeking employment in retail trades through the Employment Service offices. Because of lagging retail sales, the available supply of workers in this field has not, this year, been absorbed. November department store sales are reported to have been 9 per cent below those of last year.

However, late returns indicate that December sales are increasing and employers are hoping that this month's business will equal the record high for December of last year.

"RELATIVELY STABLE"

Following the normal November-January pattern of employment, reports gathered from 154 major market establishments currently employing approximately 78,900 persons, indicate that there will be the usual seasonal decrease in employment after the Christmas Holidays.

This year a reduction of less than one per cent from the current figure is anticipated. Excluding seasonal movements, a relatively stable employment situation is forecast for Alameda County industries.

JOBLESS PAY JUMPS

The weekly average of unemployment insurance and servicemen's readjustment allowance claims increased in November reaching an average of 14,584 persons per week as compared to 11,114 for the previous month.

Estimated unemployment for Alameda County totals 20,800 persons, an increase of approximately 44 per cent over that of last year. The peak high for 1948 was set in April when an estimated 26,500 persons were unemployed.

FEWER JOBS OPEN

Reflecting current employment trends, job openings received in the local offices decreased 47 per cent from October. Last year, a comparable decline of 25 per cent occurred between these two months. By the first part of November many employers in retail trade had established lists of available workers which indicated an ample reservoir of seasonal help.

However, late reports indicate that many of the job applicants who were available on these lists throughout the first three weeks of November are not now available.

FEWER PLACEMENTS

Reflecting the general decrease in hiring activities, the number of persons hired through the local employment service offices declined 23 per cent from the previous month. The decline for the same period last year was 4 per cent. Placement of unskilled workers, who comprise the largest single group seeking jobs, declined by 41 per cent. While this drop is slightly more than that of last year it is a usual occurrence at this time of the year when food processing industries and many agricultural activities are coming to their seasonal close.

JOBS FOR JUNIORS

Despite the general decline in employment activities, seasonal junior placements increased 10 per cent over the previous month and 23 per cent above the level of last year.

LABOR SUPPLY RISES

The number of available persons actively seeking work through the local employment service offices continues to grow as revealed by the following monthly figures:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
1948	17,861	18,030	23,467
1947	14,323	13,829	16,294

The Oakland industrial and commercial offices report that an ample supply of carpenters, machinists and unskilled workers are now available. There are also available for immediate placement stenographers and young men with excellent backgrounds for general office work.

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

1948 has been quite a successful year for Local 29, with a 10% increase in membership and a number of new offices organized or brought under union contract. In 1949 this growth should continue and as Local 29 grows, its value to each member will increase.

It is not the purpose of this column to editorialize but at this time an exception appears in order. The gratest need of your local union is the greater participation of every member in the activities of the local.

Shortly after the election in February new committees will be formed. These committees must be staffed by people who are willing to give a little of their time to the building of the union that we all benefit from. It doesn't take much of any one individual's time but the final benefit to the local is tremendous when all work together. Likewise, one person's idea may not in itself solve some problem of the union, but generally, when it is grouped together with enough other ideas of other committeemen, it results in a complete and constructive program for the benefit of all.

At this time, therefore, it seems in order to ask all members to take a renewed interest in their union in 1949 and participate more in its activities, so that Local 29 will continue to grow and to bring improved working conditions to office employes in this area.

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'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

This will reach you a day or two after Christmas and I see no reason to burden you with any reports that may interfere with the Holiday spirit. Therefore, I devote our column this week to wishing each and every one of you

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

The regular business meeting of W. A. No. 26 will be held Thursday, January 6, 1949, at Mrs. Louis Bean's home. Let's start the new year with a good attendance. Time, 11:00 a.m. Sandwiches, please.

The Christmas party was pronounced a success, everyone seeming to have a good time. Twenty, including the hostesses, were present.

Mrs. Crissy Harris donated a lovely home-made cake and Mrs. Fee donated the prizes for cards. These prizes were for hot rolls and were beautiful pieces of handwork by herself.

Well, once again, a very Merry Christmas to all, and a bright and happy 1949. Ida hopes 1949 will see a better showing of members at our business meetings. Won't you try and come?

MABEL A. PATTERSON,
Press Correspondent.

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CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 Past President Club met at the home of Annie Elvin. Marie Lyons, Theresa Michelsen, Esther Dedman, Annie Elvin, Erna Jenkins and Mae Bristow were present. Some of the past presidents are working and some were kept home by illness. We missed them all and hope by the next one all will be there. As this was our Christmas party, gifts were exchanged and all went home happy and thinking of the grand luncheon Annie served.

Bert Shumake is coming along nicely and will be able to enjoy his Christmas.

Agnes Elzig is improving all the time. Barney Holder and Rosetta are on the sick list and Diana is nearly there. We hope all will be well for Christmas.

The Bartalini family are enjoying their visit with their daughter from Honolulu. We are all glad for them.

"Ever so warm and so friendly, is each wish for you all that this brings, For a Christmas that is ever so happy, and filled with a world of good things."

A New Year that is happy, prosperous and filled with good health to all. A Christmas message to all from your sincere friend and coworker.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

Phone Accountants Vote to Join UBTW

United Brotherhood of Telephone Workers got 614 votes and Communication Workers of America 444 votes in the runoff election held under NLRB supervision to determine the union affiliation of 1600 accounting workers for the Pacific Telephone Company.

The accounting workers are employed in Oakland, San Francisco, Fresno, and Sacramento.

At the first election, held recently, one union, the Accounting Employes Organization, was eliminated, but since neither UBTW nor CWA got a majority of the votes cast, the runoff was ordered. The results were announced Tuesday.

Frank Murphy of San Francisco is president of UBTW, Arthur H. Hall of that city is secretary-treasurer, and Ken Clifford of Oakland is vice-president and regional business representative.

The UBTW, which has long been an independent union, is now expecting to receive a CIO charter soon.

STATUS OF CWA

Following is a Washington dispatch of Labor Press Associates on the status of CWA:

To find out what their status would be if the membership decided to apply for affiliation to either AFL or CIO, Communications Workers of America this week set up a five-member fact-finding committee.

At CWA's convention last summer, delegates instructed President Joseph Beirne to appoint a committee to "investigate the status" CWA would have in case of affiliation to either federation, and to report to the executive board. The board is to study the findings and report them and a recommendation to the 200,000 members of the union in the form of a referendum.

The executive board will meet January 23 to 29, and the fact-finders between now and then are expected to confer with AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray. CWA, which is the largest union of telephone and related workers in the country, was formed two years ago out of a loose federation of local phone unions, the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Both AFL and CIO have unions which already claim jurisdiction over phone workers—the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL and the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO.

Fanaticism harkens only to its own counsel, which it believes to be inspired.—Francis Wilson.

Annual March Of Dimes Begins

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thousands of children and adults stricken with polio this year, and thousands more from earlier years, still require medical aid, surgery and thus, financial assistance. . . .

"You know, we've all heard from time to time—from good but uninformed or misinformed people—that your National Foundation has too much money, more money than it knows what to do with, more money than is needed for polio. Well, heretofore, I have always asked: 'How much is too much?' The experience of 1948 makes me ask today: 'How much is enough?' For surely we face a crisis in 1949 and the years thereafter. I wish we didn't! . . .

CALIFORNIA MOST CASES

"The state of California had the highest number of cases for any state in 1948: over 5,000 to November 27, the California story is a record of disaster proportions, yet extreme disaster effects have been avoided because your National Foundation was able to come to the rescue with personnel and money.

"The situation is that state is, I think, unique and rather formidable. If ever a state could have expected to be let off lightly, in 1948, surely it was California. It had been severely hit in 1946—with almost 2,200 cases, 1,306 of them in Los Angeles County alone. In 1947 the year's total was 878, not excessive for such a populous state but higher than average—and coming just after 1946 they were like a merciless continuation of the 1946 epidemic. This year, however, there seems to be no end to polio in California! And again Los Angeles County carries the brunt of it—with almost 2,900 cases so far.

"There was an unusually high percentage of bulbar and respiratory cases in California this year. It's impossible to be accurate until the year's figures are compiled but I think it fairly safe to say at least 15% of all California cases up to now have been of these types.

RESPIRATION IN CALIFORNIA

"Much had been learned about the treatment of bulbar polio, the most serious type of this disease, in 1946 in Minneapolis, where the death rate was cut down considerably. In California this year, even further improvement in treatment was achieved. As studies are continued and results shared with other treatment centers, bulbar patients not only in Minneapolis and Los Angeles—but anywhere in this nation—will have in the future far greater chance for survival.

"There were at one time 51 respirator cases in the Los Angeles County General Hospital. This was, I think, the greatest concentration of such cases in any one place at one time. Even Los Angeles County—well-equipped as it was—did not have respirators for that job. By November, 54 of these life-saving machines had been shipped into Los Angeles from nearby areas and from states as far away as New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"Even the best prepared, best equipped community cannot master a polio outbreak unaided. There is always at least, at very least, one essential shortage upon which human life depends. In California, it was respirators, as in Texas and North Carolina it was hospital space and personnel. And everywhere it was money. . . ."

$873,125 TO CALIFORNIA

"It costs the National Foundation more money as epidemics begin to run their course. In the early stages, you see, some patients are able—through hospital insurance and normal family reserves—to pay a part of initial treatment costs. As time goes on, however, family resources decline and the burden falls more heavily upon the National Foundation chapter. Figures for Los Angeles show this clearly. Though the number of cases cared for increased 55% from July to October, the cost of care to the National Foundation increased 138% during the same period.

"Too much money? Well, there wasn't enough money in the Los Angeles Chapter, nor in March of Dimes reserves throughout the entire state of California, to meet the 1948 bill for Los Angeles County alone. In fact, national headquarters advanced to Los Angeles up to December 1 of this year, $400,000 to assure medical care for those stricken, and the total amount sent into the whole state of California was $873,125."

Chemical Workers Get Wage Increase

Pete Nunes recently reported to the Central Labor Council that Chemical Workers Local 62 in the southern end of the county has won a 12-cent hourly wage increase across the board; one week's vacation after one year, two after two years, and three after 15 years.

Nunes said the local wishes to thank the CLC for assistance in the negotiations.

Howser Told That He Should Resign

The San Francisco News made the following editorial comment after the conviction at Ukiah of two men long working with Attorney General Howser:

Conviction of Wiley (Buck) Caddel and two codefendents on bribery charges at Ukiah points the finger straight at Atty. Gen. Frederick N. Howser.

What was he doing with a man like Caddell in his office as an important member of his staff?

Why did he go to such lengths to make a place for Caddell, even to the extent of disrupting the efficient organization left by his predecessor?

Why did he keep Caddel on his payroll in another capacity when the man couldn't pass a civil service examination?

Why did he rush to the defense of Caddel every time he got in a jam?

Why did he tolerate the action of his subordinates when it was disclosed they had removed Caddel's name from a raid report at Palm Springs?

Why did he send Caddel traveling all over the state as an alleged "coordinator" of law enforcement authorities?

Can the attorney general justify having a man of this reputation as a close advisor and confidential agent?

Can he make anyone believe he did not know the real nature of Caddel's activities?

Mr. Howser is sworn to uphold the law. He is the chief law enforcement officer of the state. He has a sacred responsibility to maintain the might and dignity of the law.

Yet he trafficked with a man who made mockery of the law.

We believe the record, now complete with Caddel's conviction, damns Mr. Howser as unqualified for the high office he holds.

We believe he should save the state from further embarrassment and the law from further smirch by resigning and retiring to private life.

That would be the graceful way for him to get out of California's political limelight.

But if he does not choose to take that way out then citizens who cherish the majesty of the law should start a recall movement against him.

(Editor's Note: Howser is a Republican, and ran for his present high position right alongside Earl Warren when the latter was running for Governor. In the last national election, Warren was the only one of the four top racers who failed to carry his home State, for Truman carried Missouri, Dewey carried New York, and Barkley carried Kentucky. The fact that Warren when running for Governor was willing to accept Howser as his running mate for the very post Warren had previously held may have had something to do with Warren's being beaten in his home State.)

Jack Barton Dies; Member of Roofers

Jack Barton, former business representative of Roofers Local 81, collapsed at 23d and San Pablo avenue at 6:25 a.m. Monday morning, and was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital to which a hastily summoned ambulance had taken him.

Barton was business representative of the union for nine years, leaving that post in October, 1946. He was a member in good standing at the time of his death.

The deceased would have been 49 years old on December 31. He is survived by his widow, Macie Barton, and by a grown son and daughter, Richard and Vivian. The home is at Hayward.

Financial Secretary William Phalanger said that Barton was one of the best known members of Local 81.

May be New Lead in Tresca Murder Case

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Tresca Memorial Committee said that the investigation of the brutal slaying in 1943 of the Italian-American labor leader Carlo Tresca may be reopened. It is reported that the FBI has some new leads to the killing.

Benjamin Gitlow, former Communist party leader, in a recently published book, says that Tresca feared murder at the hands of a Russian agent, Enera Sormenti, now leader of the Communist party of Trieste.

Much News of Many People!

OAKLAND TAX RATES are explained in 5000 pamphlets now available in the City Clerk's, Treasurer's, or Auditor's offices. The booklets show that the $2.71 rate has stood for three years, while county taxes advanced 59 cents in the same period.

MODERN 500-ROOM HOTEL in Oakland would gross between $397,000 and $970,000 a year, says the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. There has been much complaint of the shortage of hotels in Oakland able to handle big conventions.

BIG GAME RIOT damage will be paid for to some extent by the Associated Students for the first time in history. Damage has been variously estimated from $5000 to $25,000.

ALBANY LIBRARY $69,000 bond proposal has been turned down by the voters of that city.

POLICEMEN WERE PRAISED by Oakland City Council for outstanding work in apprehending alleged Grand avenue tavern holdup men. Patrolmen Calvin Clayton and Ray G. Pierce were specially mentioned.

FOR POLICE MATRON posts 16 women have been declared eligible in Oakland by the Civil Service Board. Mrs. Margery I. Dodd heads the list.

CROSS FILING for primary elections has practically destroyed normal political party life in California, contends UC Professor of Political Science J. P. Harris.

S. F. EMPLOYERS COUNCIL President Almon E. Roth was guest speaker at a recent luncheon of the Metal Trades Council in Oakland. He discussed the future of labor-management relations.

PROPERTY TAX totals $12,739,182 for 1948-49 fiscal year in Alameda county, announces California Taxpayers Assn. The association said for the previous year it was $11,707,112.

GOVERNOR WARREN, commenting on State Senator Fred H. Kraft's claim that some $32,000,000 has been paid out on illegal unemployment insurance claims in California said that "it's easy to make such assertions, but not so easy to prove them.

TRANSBAY KEY TRAINS would terminate at some point west of Oakland's downtown section, possibly at San Pablo avenue, rather than run through to East Oakland and Berkeley, under a plan now considered by Key System. Passengers would transfer to and from buses.

UNION LABEL DEPARTMENT of the AFL has written to Councils and unions asking them to fill out a questionnaire supplying information on union label activities, and a form explaining a proposed radio transcription service for pushing the demand for the label.

CONTRA COSTA CLC is protesting the transfer of the office of the State Department of Employment from Martinez to Pittsburg.

CONSUMERS CO-OP of Berkeley at its recent annual meeting reported sales of $478,959 for the period from September 28, 1947, to October 2, 1948; assets of $125,802.97; and net earnings for period $14,194.91. Members will receive 2.6% refund on their purchases, totaling about $10,000. Three elected to the board of directors were: Hachiro Yuasa, Richard Johnston, and Mrs. Elizabeth Elkus. There are six holdovers, including President E. C. Fuller.

SENATOR MORSE of Oregon, liberal Republican, told a gathering at UC in Berkeley recently that management has not properly appraised labor people's attitude toward the injunction; that labor will dig in and fight injunctions until the device is beaten; and that law by injunction must not return if we are to have a reasonable degree of industrial and social peace.

WALTER REUTHER of the CIO Auto Workers in that talk of his on the UC campus at Berkeley which drew some 6000 people said that pay increases should not effect prices, as rather they should come out of "industry's excessive profits," and that if "profits are not held down, we will fight for wage increases." He declared that "social insurance and pensions are a proper subject for collective bargaining."

MANY BUILDING CONTRACTORS are unfamiliar with postal regulations concerning apartment mail slots and also the rules on street numbers on stores, it was brought out at a recent BTC session. Contractors can get such information by telephoning the Oakland postoffice at HIgate 4-3022, or AShberry 3-1443.

FRESNO CLC AND BTC are planning possible legal action against what they consider a San Diego advertising firm's unauthorized use of the AFL name in telephone solicitation. Consolidated Enterprises is the name of the advertising firm, which the Fresnans claim has induced a San Diego AFL local to cooperate with them. Big ads were placed by the CLC and BTC in Fresno dailies repudiating claims that the telephone solicitors represented the AFL legitimately.

GEORGE KILLION, president of American President Lines, represents a "new leadership" among maritime employers more inclined to deal with unions, realizing that a "new era and concept of industrial relations are upon us," says Pacific Coast Business and Shipping Register. The paper credits Killion with getting the maritime dispute "off dead center."

DOUBLE PARKING and the possibility of establishing more one-way streets are being given special consideration just now by the Oakland authorities.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL, which has sought a uniform electrical code, has been notified by L. F. Grogan, executive secretary of the Board of Supervisors that such a code is now under consideration and that plans have progressed to such a point that adoption of the code should soon come about.

CLERKS AND BUTCHERS headquartering in San Jose have received pay increases after negotiations with Central Coast Counties Assn. of Food Dealers. Clerks Local 428 now gets $70 weekly for journeymen, a $5 raise from the previous scale.

EAST BAY DEMOCRATS, says a S. F. Chronicle dispatch from Washington, are trying to get Superior Judge Victor Wagler made a Federal Judge succeeding the late Judge St. Sure, who was a Republican.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, opened for traffic in May, 1937, may reach its peak capacity by 1951, its board of directors declares. They're already talking about needing another bridge between S. F. and Marin. On Sundays now, sometimes 40,000 vehicles roll across.

Warren is to Back Health Bill Again

Governor Warren has announced that an Administration health bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature. Bills backed by him providing for compulsory health insurance were introduced and beaten in the last two sessions of the Legislature.

The Governor also declared that the people having voted for increased pensions when they adopted Proposition 4 in the November 2 election, "of course, will agree to the need to raise the money to pay for them."

Warren cited his own record on pensions, saying:

"Beginning with 1943, and on subsequent occasions, I have urged the Legislature to be as liberal on old-age pensions as the finances of our state would permit. Altogether pensions have been raised from $40 a month to $65 a month since I have been Governor."

Business Magazine Says T-H Law Could Kill Off a Union

Business Week, a McGraw-Hill publication widely read by business men, says editorially in its current issue:

"What was wrong was that the Taft-Hartley act went too far. It crossed the narrow line separating a law which aims only to regulate from one which could destroy.

"Given a few million unemployed in America, given an Administration in Washington which was not pro-union—and the Taft-Hartley act conceivably could wreck the labor movement.

"These are the provisions that could do it: (1) picketing can be restrained by injunction; (2) employers can petition for a collective bargaining election; (3) strikers can be held ineligible to vote—while the strike replacements cast the only ballots; and (4) if the outcome of this is a 'no-union' vote, the Government must verify and enforce it.

"Any time there is a surplus labor pool from which an employer can hire at least token strike replacement, these four provisions, linked together, presumably can destroy a union . . ."

FARM MACHINES were used in record numbers this year in California, the State University reports, which estimates that 400 mechanical cotton pickers were used as compared to 70 or 80 last year. Each such machine replaces 40 experienced hand pickers.

Labor in Dispute Over Civil Rights

Louis Stark in a recent N. Y. Times gave the following account of a dispute over civil rights, in a Washington dispatch:

An effort to pledge the Labor Department's fifteenth annual conference on labor legislation to President Truman's civil rights program was defeated by a vote of 23 to 21 after an acrimonious debate. In general American Federation of Labor delegates opposed the resolution and officials of the Congress of Industrial Organizations favored it. Southerners were also divided on the issue.

Nearly all of the 143 delegates attended the ifnal conference, which was addressed by a former Secretary of Labor, Miss Frances Perkins, but only forty-four were recorded when the resolution was put to vote.

BROUGHT UP BY CIO

The civil rights issue was thrown into the conference by Harry Kranz, legislative director of the CIO Industrial Council of New Jersey as a minority report after the resolutions committee, by a tie vote, had decided not to put the proposal before the meeting.

Mr. Kranz defended the Truman program as "not sectional." He urged its support because of the President's election victory, which, he said, had proved that the people wanted the New Deal to continue.

Ben T. Huiet, Labor Commissioner of Georgia, fought to sidetrack the resolution.

"We will not stand for you telling us how to handle our state laws," he declared. "Leave us alone. We have 10 percent of the Negroes of the United States in Georgia, and we treat them right. They know that."

THOSE WHO OPPOSED

Lucy Randolph Mason of Atlanta, a CIO representative, pleaded for adoption of the measure. She was seconded by Charles Weber of the Virginia State CIO Council and Robert Eckhardt of Dallas, Tex., representing the Communication Workers of America.

Those who opposed the resolution included Volney Andrews of the West Virginia Federation of Labor, AFL, and Milton R. Stevens of Washington, D. C., representing the AFL Plasterers Union.

Unions Move Into New Labor Temple

Local unions were busy moving into the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez this week.

Some of the offices were naturally having difficulties attending to business in the midst of the confusion, but staffs were working heroically to bring order back into their affairs.

50-year Membership Pins to 3 Oakland Men From IBEW 595

Fifty-year membership pins have been awarded by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to three members of IBEW Local 595: W. G. Tyler, R. B. Gale, and F. L. Knudsen, at an old-timers' meeting and banquet.

In addition to awarding the three 50-year pins, International Vice President O. G. Horback of San Francisco presented 25-year pins to R. L. Antwiler, E. J. Boehmer, William Haggerty, C. E. Helsel, T. H. Jefferson, Mark Narron, J. J. Smith, L. N. Stevens, Murdock Stewart and Art Souza.

Arrangements were in charge of S. E. Rockwell, business manager.

Other honored guests included three international representatives, C. P. Hughes, Merritt Snyder and H. R. Drew.

Ten-Cent an Hour Condensery Boost

Washington Teamster

Agreement for a settlement of the new scale for creamery, condensery and cheese factory workers in California was announced this week by W. E. Franklin, director of the Western Dairy Employes Council of the Western Conference of Teamsters. The new scale calls for an increase across the board of ten cents an hour.

The California locals have approved the new agreement, Franklin was informed this week.

Negotiations have lasted for six weeks on the California agreement. The contract does not cover the milk haulers and separate negotiations for these workers are now under way.

Franklin also stated that the Washington State creamery and condensery agreement has been opened and negotiations have been started with the associations. The King and Pierce agreement also was opened recently.

Eric Ratcliffe, secretary of Milk Drivers Local 66; Lloyd Greger, secretary of Teamsters Local 231, of Bellingham; Art Hobbs, secretary of Local 401, Mt. Vernon; Frank Donovan, business representative for Local 38, Everett; Brucie Lewis, secretary of Local 252, Chehalis; and C. V. McCoy, secretary of Local 524, Yakima, are also expected to take part in the negotiations on the state agreement.

Local ADA Meeting Jan. 6 to Prepare For City Campaign

Americans for Democratic Action, East Bay Chapter, announces:

"With the municipal elections less than five months away and the necessity of making plans for 1950, additional members are needed on the political action committee. This committee will meet Thursday, January 6, 8:00 p.m., at 249 Purdue Ave., Berkeley. Members interested in political action who find they will be unable to attend the January 6 meeting are asked to call THornwall 3-8588."

The ADA group, of which Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash is a vice-president, recently discussed the November 2 election in a release and emphasized that is now important "to make the victory count!"

The ADA release continues:

"Americans for Democratic Action has reason for satisfaction over its part in the liberal victory November 2. ADA not only worked effectively for liberal candidates, but an impressive number of its own members won election contests.

MEMBERS IN SENATE

"Elected to the Senate were ADA leaders Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Paul Douglas of Illinois. Elected to the House were such ADA members as Richard Bolling of Missouri, Andrew Biemiller of Wisconsin, Hugh Mitchell of Washington, Adolph Sabath and Sidney Yates of Illinois, Thurman Crook of Indiana, Harry Davenport of Pennsylvania, Charles Howell of New Jersey, Chase Going Woodhouse and John McGuire of Connecticut. ADA'ers Chester Bowles, Adlai Stevenson and G. Mennen Williams will govern Connecticut, Illinois, and Michigan, respectively.

"In addition to supporting the Truman-Barkley ticket, ADA worked diligently for liberal Congressional candidates in California, including the victorious Franck Havenner of San Francisco, Helen Douglas and Chet Holifield of Los Angeles, Clyde Doyle of Long Beach, and Clinton McKinnon of San Diego.

GALLAGHER'S RUN

"In our own district, Buell Gallagher came within 4,300 votes of ousting reactionary Congressman Allen, and ADA member W. Byron Rumford was elected to the State Assembly by a comfortable margin.

"The people spoke decisively for liberal government. But the election of many liberal candidates does not in itself assure progressive legislation. In fact, the fight for that goal has just begun.

"Hardly had the balloting ended than the defeated conservative forces were chanting their cries of defiance and confusion. Newspapers contended, for instance, that the Truman liberal victory was NOT a mandate for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, although the same spokesmen of big business had declared the 1946 Republican win WAS a mandate for the Taft-Hartley restrictions.

"LESSON FOR LIBERALS"

"A week after the election, a liberal columnist, Thomas Stokes of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, wrote: It is becoming clear already in interpretations of the recent election by spokesmen of big interests who are trying to discount the Truman triumph that the campaign is under way to nullify the victory of the people.

"ADA must join with organized labor to see that the victory is not nullified. Liberals also must take an active interest not only in Congressional but in state legislative affairs so the people will not be deceived.

"We have seen how, in California, the voters, while clearly showing their liberal intent by supporting forward-looking candidates, were deceived by the high-priced hucksterism which defeated reapportionment, public housing and the full crew law.

"There is a real lesson here for labor-liberal forces."

Docker Fined

Frank Costa Williams, CIO longshoreman living in El Cerrito, paid a fine of $175 in Oakland Police Court after being found guilty by a jury before Judge Hardie of disturbing the peace during the maritime strike. The charges grew out of an alleged attack on an Army Base worker.

Press Chief Weds

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Louis Silverberg, chief NLRB information man since its B.D. (Before Denham) era last week resigned from the International Brotherhood of Men-About-Town, Bachelors, Gin Rummy Players and Helpers-unaffiliated. Silverberg, long famous as the "My advice to you is don't get married" man, has gone and done it himself.

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Longshoremen Buck Party Line

But Phil Murray's Paper Says Despite That This Revolt of a Few At Rebel State Council Meeting Reds' Weasel Words and Neurotic Whines Prevail

The California edition of the national CIO News, which follows the Phil Murray line as opposed to the Harry Bridges line, is like many labor papers in that it fails to make any distinction between news and editorial comment. Opinion and news are dumped in together, with no holds barred when it comes to going after the Commies in the CIO, as the following story in a recent issue of the paper shows:

It was Party-line, Party-line, all the way. That is the story of the California CIO "convention" held in Long Beach December 9-12. When all the talk, all the harangues, all the weasel-worded speeches and all the neurotic whining were ended what the Commies had done was starkly clear:

(1) Arrogantly refused to support National CIO policy, but again twisted out a "policy" labeled "neutrality," so that they could continue to push down the Third Party blind alley.

(2) Cowardly side-stepped the Marshall Plan issue by referring resolutions about it to the "executive board," but tolerated speech after speech denouncing the plan, with nary a word spoken in its support.

(3) Bleated about "unity" in the CIO but gingerly refrained from pointing out that they, themselves, had savagely split the CIO.

LONGSHOREMEN WALK OUT

From the first afternoon of the convention, when some 15 longshoremen walked out on a committee meeting because the Commies brusquely refused to allow a speaker to present a point of view opposed to theirs, until the closing session, when another longshoreman had to fight for the right to speak a few words in support of pro-labor Democrats, the Kremlin gang kept the convention under complete domination.

It was no trick to keep the crowd under control. Almost all the delegates were in the back pockets of the "leaders." Only a determined and honest delegation of longshoremen from San Pedro Local 1-13 managed to stir some ripples of protest.

TOUGH WATERFRONTER

One longshoreman, Carl Walters, of Local 1-13, proved to the convention that waterfront workers are tough and can think straight for themselves.

In the face of a hostile convention, Walters rose twice to demand accountings of Third Party actions by the Council.

He first demanded an accounting of the sending of money in support of Third Party candidates by the Council. His request was sidestepped, stalled and finally brushed off by the Commi-claque, which obviously was nervous about the whole thing.

Walters later stood up again, after speaker after speaker had lauded Henry Wallace, to say proudly, "I am a registered Democrat. I fully supported Helen Gahagan Douglas and Chet Holifield."

He demanded to know why the Third Party had entered candidates against such liberal Democrats and said, "I'd much rather see my money put in the safe than in campaigns against the people I have mentioned. I can't see how the IPP had anything to gain by running people against them."

Walters' questions, like his previous queries, went unanswered. Before he spoke, a deliberate attempt was made to deny him his right to talk when the chairman quickly recognized another man who wanted to "end debate." Loud cries of protest from Walter's longshoremen friends forced the chairman to reverse his ruling and give Walters a chance to speak.

"UNITY" STATEMENT

The twisted mentality of the Commies was perhaps most neatly revealed in a statement on "unity of CIO in California" adopted by the convention.

In one paragraph, the Commies admit, "The State CIO board has recognized, however, that the CIO councils are part of the national machinery of the CIO and that the State CIO council cannot act in opposition to National CIO policy."

The statement then does a flip-flop right back into the pary-line by saying that "reconciliation" can be accomplished "only if the State CIO takes a neutral position, or refrains from taking any stand on issues over which major differences exist."

Thus is the Red barn-door left wide open so that the comrades can continue to attempt to drive the CIO into the Third Party trap.

The convention played out its purpose—to propagandize the Party-line again for the Kremlin gang.

But this time the Comrades were talking to themselves. Except for a few lonely, honest trade-unionists, the CIO just wasn't there.



WILD ABOUT HARRY—First disc to be cut by musicians when the recording ban was lifted last week was a super-rendition of "I'm Just Wild About Harry," dedicated to President Truman. President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians-AFL leads a "million dollar" chorus of Victor recording stars in their special version of the song which was sent directly to the President, wishing him "A Merry Christmas and a Truman New Year."—LPA.

Council Hopefuls Can File Jan. 25th

City Clerk Charles M. Don announces that declarations of candidacy for the four Oakland City Council positions whose terms end next year can be filed beginning January 25.

The nominating municipal election will be held on April 19 with the city general election on May 17, if needed. Two years ago no candidates had the required majority and a general election was necessary.

City Council incumbents whose terms expire next year and must run for reelection are: Councilman William J. McCracken, Fourth District; Fred N. Morcom, at large; Clifford E. Rishell, Sixth District and Frank J. Youell, Second District.

Rishell was appointed to fill the term of James D'Arcy, resigned. The other three Councilmen were elected four years ago.

The declarations of candidacy can be filed between Jan. 25 and Feb. 28. Nominating petitions, containing from 50 to 250 "individual certificates," can be filed from Feb. 28 to March 9. A $20 filing fee goes with the filing of the nominating petition, according to City Clerk Don.

Really Good Wages!

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The capital's buzzing these days with preparations for the next session of Congress. Talk of investigating lobbyists doesn't seem to have fazed some of the big money boys. One Pittsburgh public relations firm checked in on Capital Hill recently to do a job for the steel manufacturers on pricing systems. Their pay: a mere $132,000 a year—$11,000 a month **plus all expenses.**

Unity Credited to Waterfront Strike

The Joint Action Committee, Port of San Francisco, consisting of two CIO unions and one AFL union involved in the recent maritime strike, has put out a 14-page mimeographed report on the activities of the committee during the 93-day strike.

The JAC, as it calls itself in many parts of the reports, consisted of the CIO Longshoremen's Union and Marine Cooks Union, and the AFL Marine Radio Officers, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

"The West Coast maritime workers made labor history in 1934," says the report. "They have made history again in 1948. Unified, determined to preserve their unions and working conditions, they gave the employers their first smashing defeat under the Taft-Hartley Law. After a 93-day strike they returned to work with their hiring halls intact, increased wages, improved working conditions and better contracts.

"Unity was the key to victory. Unity of purpose by the rank and file and the leadership, and a refusal to retreat before the attacks of the shipowners and the press; unity of action and increasing support from the labor movement."

"This report is the story of how that unity worked on a day to day basis in the Port of San Francisco."

(Editor's Note: Yeh, unity, unity UNITY! The JAC obviously represents a certain element which would have been just as skilful in getting off that cry, and in claiming credit for itself, if the strike had ended in complete failure. But listen, brothers, when anyone says UNITY now, we know the rest of the speech!)

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Mayor Joe's Junk Heap To Be Dumped

While Mayor Joe Smith had his back turned attending the American Municipal Association conference in Washington and visiting President Truman, the Oakland City Council decided he's going to get a new official limousine whether he wants it or not.

The present official car had served four of his predecessors, and Mayor Joe had said when he took office that if it was good enough for them, it suited him just dandy.

Councilman Youell, however, contends that once he rode in the back of the old apparatus and was almost asphyxiated.

Councilman Rishell said that once a Hollywood star rode in it, and was afraid to light his cigarette for fear the fumes escaping from the contraption would ignite.

MOTORISTS who submitted motor vehicle transactions prior to November 1, 1948, and still are not in receipt of certificates or tabs should notify a Department of Motor Vehicles office during the first week of January, Director A. H. Henderson announces.

Any Labor Name On 1949 Grand Jury?

The 1948-49 Grand Jury has been drawn in the court of Superior Judge Edward J. Tyrrell. It replaces the one recently dismissed by Superior Judge O. D. Hamlin, Jr. Judges in the criminal departments alternate year by year in handling the Grand Jury panels.

Thomas Loynahan, 40 Selbourne Drive, Piedmont, retired insurance man, was appointed foreman of the jury. His wife, Grace, headed the 1945-46 Grand Jury, the first woman to act as foreman of that body.

The jury is drawn by lot from a list of 60 names submitted by the 12 Superior Judges of Alameda county, each judge selecting 5 names.

Mrs. Janette P. Winstead, 6140 Euclid avenue, Berkeley, was named secretary.

The jury consists of 19 persons, as follows:

Oakland—Earl Leonard, 460 Merritt Avenue; Willie Osburn, 6175 Acacia Avenue; Frank C. Martens, 281 Lenox; Percy R. Mott, 621 Boulevard Way; Thomas McGuire, 2750 22nd Avenue; C. P. Pond, 1056 Ardmore Avenue; Edgar Ormsby, 438 36th Street; Mrs. Dora Tainton, 5208 Desmond Street;

E. A. Duveneck, 4105 Montgomery Street; J. S. Killam, 5908 Dover Street; John J. Stegge, 4330 Townsend Avenue.

Piedmont—Frank P. McCann, 15 Caperton Avenue; Mrs. Mildred Rowe, 1 Crocker Avenue; Mrs. Gertrude S. Little, 21 Mesa Avenue, and Loynahan.

Berkeley—Mrs. Winstead, J. Hunter Clark, 922 Shattuck Avenue; Frederick W. Maby, 2420 Durant Avenue.

Pleasanton—Victor Lund.

(Editor's Note: Unless we're mistaken, there's no labor name in the list. Would it be contempt of court, or something, to wonder if any of the 60 names submitted by the 12 Judges was a labor name?)

ILGWU Wins

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—Wage increases averaging 11c an hour were chalked up for 12,000 workers here by the Dress Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL. Improved benefits from the employer-supported fund, which is paid out to unemployed garment workers, are also provided for in the new contract.

SAFEWAY STORES are demanding the right to cut the price of milk a penny a quart on take-home milk. Opponents contend to the State Milk Bureau that if the price is cut, some producers would be ruined and a few big monopolies would then control the market.

AFL Firefighters In Alameda Meet

New officers were installed and guests honored at the annual meeting of the Alameda Firemen's Association, Local 689 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (AFL) at Station No. 2, 635 Pacific Avenue in Alameda.

Speakers and guests included Thomas M. Lane, Alameda fire chief; F. H. Arbuckle, Naval Air Station fire chief; Capt. William Fitzgerald, NAS fire prevention bureau, and Comdr. James Riley, retired, former NAS fire marshal.

The Office of Civilian Defense trophy was presented to Thurlow Hargreaves, captain of Unit G, and his crew, winners in a city-wide fire prevention program among civilian groups, and a fire prevention film of the Alameda Fire Department will be shown.

Officers installed were Bert Johnsen, first vice president; Ernest Boucher, second vice president; Dwight Brown, retiring president, secretary-treasurer, and Harvey Kellogg, Randall Freed, and Capt. Hal Fish, executive committee.

Leftists Defeated In Guild Election

The CIO San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild in its recent annual balloting elected a slate of officers entirely composed of persons following the Philip Murray line as opposed to the Harry Bridges line.

The socalled Independents failed to win a single office.

The winning ticket was backed by the Pro-Guild, an organization within the union which some years ago swept the leftists out of the union's national office in New York and put in Sam Eubanks of Oakland as chief executive officer, a position he still holds.

In the recent local election Elinor Motgomery, Post Enquirer classified advertising solictor, was elected a vice president. Ed V. McQuade of the Chronicle editorial department was unopposed for president, and Bob Brown for executive secretary.

THE $3,500,000 FUND being raised by $25 apiece assessments on the 140,000 members of the American Medical Association will help, rather than hinder, the fight for national health insurance. That's the judgment of Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) leading proponent of the plan in the senate.—(LPA)

Local 3 Engineers Reports Good Year

Engineers' News

Despite Taft-Hartley, despite high prices, and many other obstacles, there was considerable progress in good unionism for Engineers Local 3, a look-back over the year reveals.

Here are some of the year's highlights:

Eleven-state engineers conference in Phoenix coordinates strong western program of the IUOE.

Work started and well along on a Local 3 office building in San Francisco.

Local 3 jurisdiction extended to the Hawaiian Islands and Pacific area.

Bro. Frank Lawrence, Local 3 representative in Sacramento, elected president of State Building Trades Council.

Office opened in Salinas.

Next convention of the international tentatively set for the west coast.

Many negotiations with employers successfully accomplished, without loss of work to the members.

Christmas Seals Now in 42nd Year

Tuberculosis Assn.

The Christmas Seal Sale closes December 25 but it is never too late to pay for the penny stamps that are your insurance against tuberculosis, Everett J. Brown, Jr., county chairman of the current drive, said this week.

The Seal Sale entirely supports the activities of the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Seal Sale funds have worked for 42 years to put tuberculosis in 7th place as a cause of death.

But we must remember that tuberculosis is still the first cause of death from disease for persons from 15 to 44 years of age, said Brown.

GOP Discipline

MADISON, Wis. (LPA) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) was the target for a little disciplining action for violating the canon of ethics in this state. In a complaint filed with the Wisconsin Supreme Court, this state's Bar Commission stated that the Republican Senator failed to resign his circuit judicial seat until after his election in 1946. In Washington, McCarthy attributed the complaint to "political opposition."

East Oakland Times Reports Move Made To Recall Council

Gil Westoby's East Oakland Times has been publishing lately accounts of a "demand for the recall of all nine Oakland City Councilmen and for a new city charter to be framed by 15 holders."

In its issue of December 17 the paper says that the "East Oakland Tax Association board of directors" is taking steps in the matter. The paper then goes on to report:

"Headed by William Clausen, president, the group voted to immediately begin the organization of all civic and business groups throughout Oakland whether in East, West, North or Central Oakland in order to obtain the necessary signatures.

"Clausen has appointed a committee to begin contacting all improvement clubs and all business organizations of Oakland, to join with the East Oakland group. A committee meeting will be held again on December 27, Monday night at 9323 East 14th St., at 8 o'clock, and Clausen has asked all groups interested to bring the matter before their organizations for action as to whether or not they will actively support the recall.

"Clausen said that the recall would be based on the failure of the Oakland city council to live up to its promises of tax reform, and to provide adequate and frequent transportation. The failure of the city council on both counts is quite obvious, the meeting was told.

"The great discrepancy in tax bills was brought out as a result of a post card poll conducted by the East Oakland Tax Protest Association. As a result of the poll, which compared the 1947-48 tax bills with the current 1948-49 bills, differences between individual tax payers ranged from 3.6 percent to as much as 303 percent. In the instance of one single vacant lot, a tax payer reported his '48 tax as $6.77 and his '49 tax bill, at $63.32 or an increase of 832 percent."

Labor Thanked For Chest Aid by Blix

Lew C. G. Blix, Community Chest labor liaison director for the Emeryville-Oakland-Piedmont-San Leandro area, has sent the following letter to labor unions:

On behalf of the Community Chest and its affiliated agencies, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, individually and collectively, for the splendid cooperation which was presented to us this year. It is with pardonable pride that, as the achievements of 1948 are reviewed, I find in them a decided increase in employe giving. This increase, in the number of contributions as well as the amount subscribed, is due in large measure to your efforts, your thoughtfulness and your desire to share the many responsibilities in promoting and maintaining our local health and welfare program.

To those members of organized labor who served as solicitors and workers, prior to and during the campaign, goes my sincere gratitude.

To those of you who gave of your time and efforts in making the Labor-Management-Chest Liaison Committee an outstanding success, I extend our grateful recognition and profound thanks.

May this Christmas Season be the happiest you have ever experienced and may the New Year usher in a pervading spirit of compassion, security, affection and prosperity.

U. S. Labor Expert In Greece to Help

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Boris Stern, chief of the industrial relations branch of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, arrived in Athens to set up a miniature BLS for the Greek government and the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Both Greek and American officials have felt the need for reliable labor informational and statistical services in their efforts to revive the Greek economy.

SERIOUS WEAKNESSES in the federal child labor law should be remedied in the 81st session of Congress, Mrs. Gertrude Folks Zimand of the National Child Labor Commitee asserted.—(LPA)

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AFL's Farm Labor Battle for Rights Waged on 2 Fronts

Labor: Railmen's Weekly

Should farm laborers be treated as second class citizens without any of the rights enjoyed by other American citizens? That question was brought to the fore by two recent developments.

One was a report issued by a House Labor sub-committee, headed by Congressman Wint Smith (Rep., Kan.), proposing that farm workers be prohibited from organizing into unions. The other was a demand by big ranch and plantation owners that a "green light" be given to importation of Mexicans and other aliens for farm work, thus driving down standards of American farm laborers.

The House sub-committee report, in calling for a ban on unions in agriculture, raised the scare that "labor organizations may destroy thousands of independent farmers in the near fture."

"PHONY," SAYS MITCHELL

One of the three signers, incidentally, won't be back in Congress to advocate such a prohibition. He's Max Schwabe (Rep., Mo.), who was swept out of office by his constituents in November.

The sub-committee's proposal was denounced by President H. L. Mitchell of the A. F. of L. National Farm Labor Union as a "complete phony."

"We aren't organizing employes of any small, independent farmers anywhere in the United States," Mitchell said. "Nor is any other union.

"We are trying to bring union protection only to workers on the big 'mass production' farms and plantations which are, in reality, corporations having huge investments in farm machinery. Many of them exploit their employes in a brazen manner.

COMMITTEE'S REAL AIM

"That sub-committee is simply using small farmers as a smoke-screen to protect the big moguls of agriculture. Its real aim is to stir up a propaganda barrage, behind which Congress may be induced to deprive farm workers of the benefit of any labor or social security legislation which may be enacted at the next session."

Mitchell added that independent farmers are steadily being wiped out **—not by unions, but by growth of giant combinations in agriculture.**

"At present, 100,000 large-size farming outfits, such as Di Giorgio of California, are producing 50 percent of the nation's farm output—in other words, as much as 10,000,000 small farmers," Mitchell said.

BIG OPERATORS SCHEME

The second blow at farm workers was struck by representatives of these same big agricultural interests at a meeting in Washington of a "Farm Labor Committee" set up by the United States Employment Service as an "advisory body." The meeting brought together some of the biggest farm operators of the 48 states.

Mitchell was the sole representative of farm labor at the conference. He insisted there is no need for importing any foreign farm workers in 1949. He charged the big operators want an army of aliens brought in solely as "a mobile force to be used to keep wages and working conditions of American farm workers at the present low level."

However, the big farmers at the parley ignored his appeal and pushed through a resolution which called for lowering of the bars.

GOP Postmortem is Plan of Chairman

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Representative Hugh Scott (Pa.), Republican National Committee chairman, announced plans for a thorogoing post mortem on the GOP's November shellacking.

More than 180,000 Republican state, ward and precinct leaders are being asked to tell the committee why the GOP lost. Then the party will hold a policy conference to discuss Congressional activities for the coming year and election plans for 1950—if the party accepts Scott's project.

Rumors of an attempt to oust the Philadelphia advocate of government-by-our-"best stock" have sent Scott scurrying around to a number of National Committee members for assurances that they'll support his desire to retain the GOP chairmanship for the next four years.

Several of the more enlightened Republican senators have welcomed Scott's conference proposal in the hopes that it'll give them a chance to commit the party to a more advanced program than that contemplated in the 1948 platform.

Conservative Senator Joseph McCarthy (R, Wis.) expressed the common run of Republican opinion about the policy conclave idea, however, when he said: "It can't do any harm."

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Labor Mustn't Let Up, Says Humphrey

NEW YORK (LPA)—Labor and libearls in the U. S. must not be satisfied with election day wins only. They must stay in politics the year round, Senator-elect Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) told a League for Industrial Democracy dinner in his honor.

Chairman of the dinner was LID President Nathaniel Minkoff, secretary of the New York Dress Joint Board, International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL. Among the prominent unionists present were ILGWU President David Dubinsky, New York State CIO President Louis Hollander, and President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

"Labor can no longer content itself with being merely a campaign partner in the fight for a liberal program," Humphrey told his listeners, many of them leaders of unions which elected him to office over anti-labor Sen. Joseph Ball (R., Minn.).

"Organized labor and liberals flex their political muscles every two to four years. It is the decisive factor in winning elections for the Democratic party—my party. But it has never been accepted or forced its way into the inner councils of the strategy board and planning committees of the party structure," the new Senator declared.

ILGWU President Dubinsky warned that the reactionaries left in Congress will talk "compromise" when the new legislature meets. He said that they will attempt to deprive labor of the fruits of its victory, for "within those velvet gloves there is the mailed fist of antagonism to union labor."

The ILGWU leader also reminded the Democratic party that labor has not given it "an unconditional vote of confidence." He declared that the administration and the new Congress will be judged by their adherence to the liberal-labor policy of the Democratic platform.

Despite the fact that "the Communist-created Wallace adventure has served to discredit and make obnoxious the idea of a third party," such independent political action was long the hope of sincere liberals and union people, Dubinsky said. If they suffer "disillusionment" at the hands of the people they elected in November, there will be a "drastic and profound change in their attitude towards the Democratic party and its leaders."

In such a situation, Dubinsky asserted, "the millions who voted for the liberal-labor line will seek other channels of political expression. New life and new substance will be infused into the idea of a third party, of a party that will have the blessings and support of the entire labor-liberal front as no such political undertaking has had before."

GE Loses Case

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Those of the 100,000 employes of General Electric Co. who struck for nine weeks in early 1946 and are still employed by GE won nine weeks additional seniority as a result of an NLRB decision.

Acting under a Wagner act section which wasn't impaired by Taft-Hartley, NLRB ruled that the strikers—who were seeking higher wages—were entitled to the seniority denied them by GE.

The board explained: "The effect of the respondent's (GE) action in tolling the seniority of the strikers during their participation in the strike, and at the same time permitting other employes to accrue seniority for the corresponding period, changed the prestrike relative seniority standing of the employes to the detriment of the strikers. As a result the strikers became more vulnerable to layoff or discharge in the event of a subsequent necessary reduction in force.

"Thus, it would appear unquestionable that the effect of the respondent's action with respect to seniority was to penalize the strikers because of their concerted activities . . . It is well settled that, except to the extent that a striker may be replaced during an economic strike, his employment relationship cannot otherwise be severed or impaired because of his strike activity."

Textile Strike

ROME, Ga. (LPA)—A bargaining committee led by TWUA Vice President George Baldanzi had the pleasure of hearing Celanese Corp. officials offer a 15c raise to CIO textile workers, after 1800 of the Georgia workers spent six months on the picket line.

Biggest issue of the strike was winning of the same 15c increase granted Celanese employes up north, instead of the 7½c substitute offered at the Georgia plant. Celanese used every union-busting tactic in the book during the long strike, but finally was forced to give in.

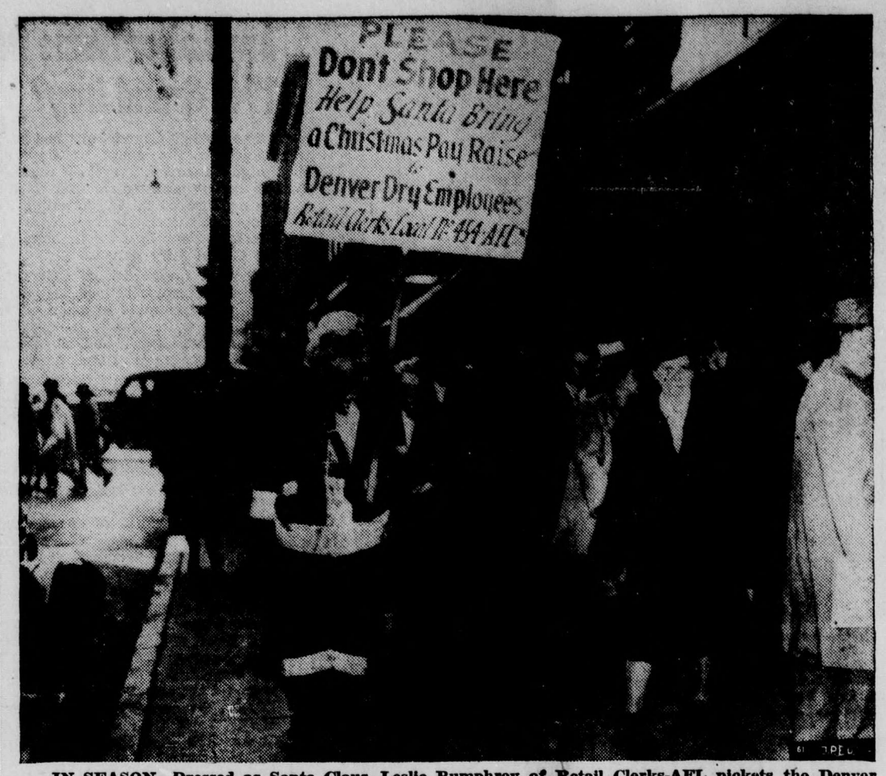
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IN SEASON—Dressed as Santa Claus, Leslie Pumphrey of Retail Clerks-AFL pickets the Denver Drygoods Co. "Mommy, why is Santa carrying a sign?" is the query of most kids who pass him on the street. The answer is that the union is seeking a contract and the right to represent the clerks in the store. They're not on strike, just picketing.—LPA.

Book on Wages in California Can Now Be Had for Dollar

Editor, Labor Journal:

Several months ago the Institute of Industrial Relations issued a report entitled **Wages in California—War and Postwar Changes,** by Nedra B. Bellic.

This report is the most complete analysis of the California wage structure available in print. It traces the development of the labor force and the pattern of employment; examines inter-industry wage relationships and differentials; compares wage rates in California with those in major industrial areas throughout the rest of the country; shows the impact of overtime work and shift premiums on average hourly earnings; and traces the effect of price and tax changes on real spendable earnings. In addition to 96 pages of text, there are 25 charts and 25 tables.

We are desirous of placing the entire edition of 2,000 copies in circulation while the book is still timely and up-to-date. Inasmuch as several hundred copies remain to be sold, we have decided to make them available at a reduced price of $1.00 each. The original price was $2.00 The book may be obtained from the University of California Press at Berkeley.

We feel that many of your associates and members would find **Wages in California** interesting and useful, paticularly as a reference work, and would appreciate it if you might inform them that it is now available at a reduced price.

Sincerely yours,
CLARK KERR, Director,
Institute of Industrial Relations
University of California

Layoffs in 16 States

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Layoffs of textile and garment workers in 12 states were reported by the Federal Security Agency at the end of last month. Workers in Alabama, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia were hit by the cutback in textile production. There were layoffs in food processing in Missouri, Utah, Virginia and Washington and layoffs due to steel shortages in Illinois and Iowa.

Union Gets Prize

BOSTON (LPA) — The nearby Somerville, Mass, Central Labor Union was awarded first prize in the Labor's Committee for Truman and Barkley contest. Somerville unionists increased Truman's percentage of the vote in November to 22% more than FDR polled in the district in 1944.



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'Top Industry Men Could Wreck Boom'

WASHINGTON (LPA)—If industry won't remove the bottlenecks in production of steel, power, aluminum and other basic industrial necessities, government must do it, United Auto Workers Washington representative Donald Montgomery told the congressional profits investigators.

"The future of this country must not be put in jeopardy by the managers of giant industry whose grasp for power exceeds their vision," he told the members of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

The Auto Workers spokesman cited facts to show that "consumers rather than investors have become the main source of new capital for industrial expansion."

For instance, he pointed out, the president of General Foods Corp. who testified earlier in the hearings called reinvested earnings "costless capital." This, Montgomery charged, is acquiring capital from the consuming public through high prices and profits. And the housewife who buys General Foods products at inflated prices, part of which makes up this "costless capital," has no stock or other equity in General Foods to show for it. It might better be called "inequity capital," he said.

If an undistributed profits tax is enacted and proves ineffective, the UAW official urged members of Congress to "consider how the present contributors of inequity capital—the consumers—may acquire some equity in what they have financed."

Drug Misbranding

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Even though drugs are transported across state lines in one container, and their labels are shipped separately, the drug and it was so used. The drugs can be seized by the federal Food and Drug Administration on charges of false labeling, the Supreme Court ruled in a five-to-four decision.

Ruling on two similar cases, Justice William O. Douglas for the majority said "the false and misleading literature was designed for use in the distribution and sale of the drag and it was so used. The fact that it went in a different mail was wholly irrelevant."

Ickes to Head Board

CHICAGO (LPA) — Former Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes has been elected chairman of the board of Roosevelt College, which includes representatives of the school's faculty, labor, business, government, and the professions. Roosevelt College was founded in 1945 to advocate equal opportunity for all and academic freedom.

Boss Insisted on Vote, Then Got it, Right in the Neck!

Washington Teamster

A disappointed boss is Henry F. Schnell Jr., owner of the Dairy Mart Farms of San Diego.

For more than a year, since expiration of a contract with Salesdrivers' Local 683 (AFL), he has been trying to avoid a new agreement with the union.

Finally he resorted to strategy offered under terms of the Taft-Hartley law. He became the first employer here to demand a collective bargaining election. He was positive it would prove that Local 683 didn't represent a majority of the employes. Then he'd have the union off his neck.

After the election date was set, Schnell got busy to "stack" his workers against the union. He fired long-time employes without cause or notice and hired new employes with a warning they better not join the union.

Came the election and—you guessed it—the union won. So now die-hard Schnell is protesting the election results, while Local 683 is preparing to enforce its demands with a strike.

Health Insurance

NEW YORK (LPA)—The New York County Medical Society's new president, Dr. William B. Rawls, has brought down a storm of protest on his head because of his inaugural address attacking personally the advocates of national health insurance.

A meeting of the society voted 263 to 96 to defer any action for two months on a resolution introduced by doctor members who support national health insurance.

The minority resolution states that "This technique of vilifying doctors who support compulsory health insurance is an attempt to intimidate them, and thus deter them from exercising their basic rights as doctors and citizens to evaluate and promote measures and propositions whether or not they are repugnant to the organized medical profession."

Steel Antics

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — While steel barons perfected their propaganda organization to fight the anti-trust laws, more attention was being paid to the industry's monopolistic practices. A liberal congressman charged that the steel men are behind a reactionary senator's attempt to smear him. A government official declared that if the industry doesn't abandon its refusal to expand capacity Uncle Sam will have to go into the steel business. And a businessman warned customers that steel prices will continue upward.



Lockout Jobless Pay is Challenged

State Federation News Service

The eligibility of locked-out employes to receive unemployment insurance benefits, regardless of the cause of the lock-out, has been attacked by an employers' association and is now before the California State Supreme Court for decision. This principle, which was firmly established by the Supreme Court's decision in the famous Bunny Waffle case, was one of labor's hardest-fought and most important victories, and throughout the state labor has been roused by the present challenge to its rights.

Oral argument was heard in the case—D. R. McKinley et al. v. California Employment Stabilization Commission et al.—by the Supreme Court on December 7.

EMPLOYERS' ARGUMENT

The argument of the Sacramento Bakery Employers' Association, which brought the case to the Supreme Court, was as follows: If the employes of one member of the association went out on strike against him and all the remaining members of the association thereupon locked out their own employes, then, in spite of the lock-out, the initial action (the strike) by the employes in the one plant should constitute sufficient grounds for disqualifying all the employes in the other plants.

Deputy Attorney General Charles Johnson argued in support of the decision of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, which had held, under the Bunny Waffle case decision, that the locked-out employes were eligible for benefits no matter what the initial cause of the lock-out.

DELAYED DECISION

This matter, which has as its objective either the modification or complete reversal of the Bunny Waffle decision, is of such importance that a brief amicus curiae was filed by the California State Federation of Labor's General Counsel, who also appeared and presented oral argument supporting the Deputy Attorney General's position.

The court has withheld submitting the matter and no decision is anticipated, therefore, in the immediate future.

Cow is Offered as Bonus With Auto

NEW YORK (LPA)—According to Robert Fetridge, financial writer for the N. Y. Times, a Kansas City auto dealar wanted to sell a 1940 Chevrolet. He took in payment one cow, one motorcycle, and 100 shares of a penny mining stock.

Then he tried to get rid of the cow by offering her in a "package" deal with a 1948 Buick, both for $2500. He sold the cow, but still has the Buick on the lot.

Says Fetridge, "Don't be surprised, despite all the talk, if your automobile dealer phones you one of these days and gives you a prewar sales talk."

SEN. CHARLES W. TOBEY (R., N. H.) has asked the Commissioner of Internal Revenue whether his department acted in cases of multi-million-dollar trusts as it would act in the cases of "humble people who are not important people or people of large means."—(LPA)

Apprentice Plan is Cutting Time Taken For Building Homes

U. S. Govt. Release

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Apprentice training in the construction industry is helping to reduce the time required for home building, William F. Patterson, Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, said here.

Speaking at the national convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, Patterson stated:

"The construction time period has steadily been declining since the middle of 1946, reflecting improved productivity, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BLS report indicates that beginning April 1947 there has been an especially notable improvement in the time it took to complete an average single-family dwelling unit. This reduction in the construction time period was due, in part, to improvement in efficiency of both labor and management.

"Thousands of new journeymen, who learned their trade through apprenticeship are making their contribution, but apprentices also are helping to reduce the building time period. This is true because an apprentice is a worker whose productivity increases as he acquires new skills. An increasing flow of building materials also, of course, was instrumental in reducing the building time period."

At the end of the war 16,000 building trades apprentices were employed while today more than 130,000 are being trained in those crafts, Patterson said.

Pointing to the need for maximum production in the construction industry, he declared: "We must have enough good dwellings and other buildings for the health, safety and general welfare of our people. Good living and working conditions are a bulwark to our national economy, and a strong economy is the best safeguard against subversive forces seeking to destroy the American way of life. We also must have enough well-built factories and shops so that we can produce the consumer goods and defense materials our country needs."

Fight Sales Tax

ATLANTA LPA()—Labor unions joined with druggists, ice dealers, food dealers, jewelers, restaurant and bar owners and others to map a campaign against a sales tax in the next session of the Georgia legislature.

Representatives from all over the state, meeting in Atlanta, were told by John W. Piercy of the Georgia Workers' Education Service that a 3 per cent cales tax would take about $40,000,000 out of the pockets of the working people.

Hit High Profits

WASHINGTON (LPA)—All-time high profits in 1949 are dangerous and unjust, AFL spokesman Nelson Cruikshank and CIO Research and Education Director Stanley Ruttenberg told a Congressional subcommittee investigating profits and inflation. Use of the money obtained through sky-high prices as profits is "taxation by corporation without representation" said Cruikshank. Ruttenberg urged excess profits and undistributed profits taxes be enacted by the 81st Congress.

People's World in Fear GOP or Demos May Overhrow U. S.

Steve Murdock writes in the People's World:

A member of the Republican party could advocate overthrow of the government by force and violence from now until Dewey runs again, and there isn't anything the Republican party could do about it.

A member of the Democratic party could conspire to subvert the government on the front steps of the Democratic national committee office, and there isn't anything the party as such could do about it.

As a matter of fact, the Republican and Democratic parties have neither constitutions nor any specific rules of membership.

But when it comes to the Communist party—the one the government says is trying to overthrow it—things are a little more specific.

The Communist party does have a constitution.

And Article VIII, Section 3, of that constitution says:

"Any member shall be expelled from the party who is found to be a strikebreaker, provacateur, engaged in espionage, or who advocates force and violence or terrorism or who adheres to or participates in the activities of any group or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy through which the majority of the American people can maintain their right to determine their destinies."

(Editor's Note: Now YOU tell one!)

Quill Goes After Long Island R. R.

NEW YORK (LPA) — Transport Workers' Union President Mike Quill has picked a new fight with a railroad that's made a beaten man out of thousands of commuters—the Long Island Railroad. He's after the line on two counts.

He wants it taken over and operated by the state to "bring sanity" into the line's confused operations. And he says he'll soon ask for an NLRB election covering the Long Island's 7000 employes, now represented by railroad brotherhoods and other AFL crafts.

Says Auto Company Could Boost Wages

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The four major auto companies could reduce their present prices by 11.3 per cent, or they could raise wages by 80c an hour, and still show a juicy profit, UAW Washington representative Donald Montgomery told the Congressional committee investigating profits. The only sacrifice they'd have to make, he asserted, would be to take an 8 per cent return on their investment, instead of the present world's-record 31 per cent return.

MACARONI MAKERS from all over the nation convened at Hotel St. Francis in San Francisco this week. They announced that potato consumption in the U. S. is 125 pounds per capita, but macaroni consumption only 6 pounds, and urged wider use of the succulent foodstuff.

Wishing You a Safe and Merry Christmas...



THE following members of the OAKLAND ASSOCIATION of INSURANCE AGENTS take this means of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Caution should be taken with Christmas tree lights and when walking and driving to avoid needless holiday tragedies. May we suggest that you re-double your vigilance during the immediate holiday period? Keep your Christmas a merry one...with safety in the home and on the highway.

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Layoffs Are Used To Hold Down Wage

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The widely-publicized reports of 100 workers laid off in community after community are just an attempt to scare unions into holding of on their demands for pay increases. Outside of the textile and clothing industries and coal mining, there have been no large-scale layoffs so far, despite newspaper headlines. That's what government figures and private surveys show, and many businessmen admit privately.

One business reporter actually had the nerve to say it out loud. Wrote C. F. Hughes, N. Y. Times columnist:

"In industry there was considerable news of layoffs for one reason or another until a suspicion was formed that some word had been passed along that it would be a good thing for chamber of commerce secretaries and others to publicize such information. The object required no Sherlock Holmes.

"If industry is firing instead of hiring, then a fourth round of wage increases is scarcely in order.

"Some of these layoff stories were run to ground. In one case of a nearby manufacturing center it was indicated that some workers have been dismissed but that the level of employment still hugs the average set during wartime."

Investigating layoffs on railroads, also well publicized, Labor, publication of the rail brotherhoods, pointed out that while rail workers were being laid off because of a "drop in business," profits were running 50% above last year's figures.

Final tipoff to the "layoff publicity drive" was seen in a speech made by General Electric President Charles E. Wilson when he dedicated a new power plant in Shelby, N. C. Wire services reporting the speech led off with this statement: "Charles E. Wilson said tonight industrial cutbacks and unemployment might result from a fourth round of general wage increases."

MOTORISTS who receive 1949 potential registration cards for vehicles to which they no longer hold title should disregard them, Motor Vehicles Department officials explain.

Labor-hating Clare Hoffman is Called Down in Michigan

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (LPA) — Labor-baiter Clare Hoffman, Republican congressman from Michigan, had his bluff called by a Democratic congressman and a Republican state attorney general.

Hoffman recently held a hearing on a raid of the struck Shakespeare Co. plants here, charging representatives of United Steelworkers-CIO with violence.

Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.), who will become chairman of the House Labor Committee on January 3, declared that Hoffman had "no more authority than a rabbit to make his investigation" and that he (Lesinski) will hold a real hearing when the next congress session begins. The Democratic congressman told newsmen that he heard the strikers hadn't been given a fair trial.

The main effect of the Hoffman hearing was to give the newspapers headlines about CIO "goons." Among those subpoenaed was Michigan's Attorney General Eugene F. Black. Jumped on by Hoffman for failing to prosecute enough labor unions, Black bluntly told the Representative, "I don't play to the press as you do."

A one-man jury investigation of the raid has been going on since right after it took place, December 1. Steelworker officials said they would assist the jury in its investigation.

The two Shakespeare plants in Kalamazoo have been struck since early September when 700 workers walked out asking for a 10c hourly boost, reduction of the probationary period from 90 to 30 days, and a voice in setting up piece standards.

On December 1 about 300 steelworkers from plants around the state came in a caravan to support a rally for the Shakespeare strikers. When they arrived there was a riot, cars were overturned and several people were injured. State Steelworkers Director Tom Shane said the trouble was started by scabs. Cars with out-of-state license plates, charged with doing much of the damage, belonged to the strikebreakers, Shane asserted.

Late Jno. C. Lyon's Record is Praised

State Federation News Service

Organized labor in California lost one of its best loved and most valuable leaders with the death of John C. Lyons as the result of a heart attack on Friday afternoon, December 10, in Los Angeles. He was fifty-seven years of age.

Services were held at the Church of St. Francis d'Assisi on Monday morning. He left a wife and daughter. Two brothers and two sisters also survive him.

Active in the labor movement since his young manhood, Brother Lyons early won an outstanding place as a leader and spokesman for labor. For upwards of two decades he was the Business Manager of the Plasterers' Union Local No. 2 in Los Angeles.

At the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor at Long Beach in September he was elected one of the Federation's vice-president for the Third District. His fellow officers feel his loss keenly, for his wisdom and wide experience would have meant much in the deliberations and decisions of the Federation's Executive Council.

But Jack Lyons was active in behalf of labor in another and very important way, for he served in the state legislature since 1943. A month before his death he was re-elected to serve his fourth consecutive term as Assemblyman from the 64th District, in Los Angeles.

His career in the legislature was a distinguished one. Always on the side of labor, striving with intelligence and integrity to win for labor the legislation it needed and desired and to defeat proposals inimical to labor, he also showed a deep understanding of issues which concern and affect all citizens of the state. He was Chairman of the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee, a member of the important Rules Committee, as well as of the Transportation Committee and the Finance and Insurance Committee.

Number of Houses Started Declining

State Federation News Service

The folly of the 80th Congress in failing to pass adequate housing legislation to provide shelter for the masses of the people is now clearly revealed in the statistics on housing "starts."

The number of new non-farm dwelling units started throughout the United States reached an all-time high of 99,400 in May of this year but has been declining ever since.

The latest figure for October is 72,000, which is 22,000 below the figure for October of 1947.

The old cry that free enterprise can do the job alone has an important qualification. The consumer must pay the price. Today consumers cannot pay the price.

Some AFL Increase In Wages Listed

State Federation News Service

Wage increases won by AFL and independent unions during the period from mid-October to mid-November, 1948, in California ranged from 10 to 25 cents per hour, as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Regional Office at San Francisco. In addition, government workers at Salinas, Herlong, San Francisco and Stockton received increases ranging from 10.8 cents to 18.7 cents as a result of the Army-Air Force Wage Board decisions. Individual increases covering over 500 workers are listed below:

Teamsters No. 595, AFL, Food Employers Council, Los Angeles, 10/48, 15 cents, 600 workers.

Fishermen locals (AFL and CIO), San Pedro, 11/2/48, $60.00 per ton, sardines, 2000 workers.

Southern California District Council of Laborers, AFL, Contracting Plasterers and Lathers Association of Southern California, 10/48, 25 cents, 1250 workers.

Sailors Union of the Pacific, AFL, Standard Oil Company of California, tankers, average 8.9 percent, overtime benefits, 600 unlicensed personnel.

Railroad firemen, enginemen, engineers and switchmen, 11/13/48, 10 cents, nationwide.

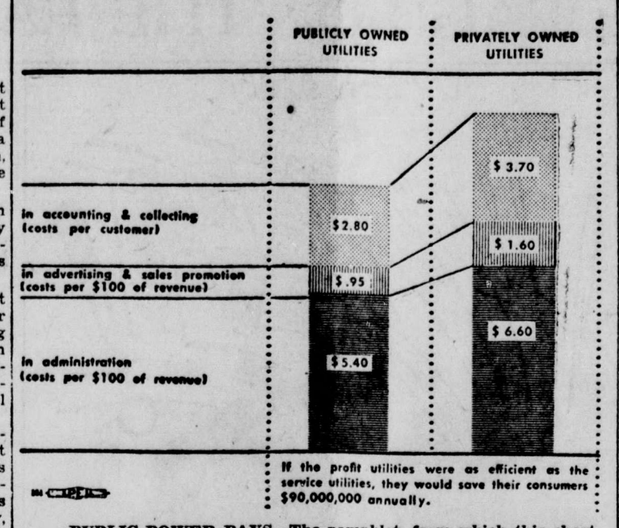
Train service employes, bus drivers and yardmasters' unions, Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles, 10/16/48, 10 cents, 2200 workers.

Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, AFL, Pacific American Shipowners' Association, offshore agreement, 11/3/48, 5.3 percent, over 500 workers.

IATSE, nationwide, 10/29/48, $10.14 per week, increased auto. allowances.

IAM, Motor Car Dealers and Independent Garage Owners, San Jose, California, 10/15/48, 12½ cents, improved vacations, 500 workers.

HARSH INDICTMENTS of the way American corporations operate was made by spokesmen for AFL and CIO appearing before a Congressional subcommittee investigating profits.—(LPA)



PUBLIC POWER PAYS—The pamphlet, from which this chart was taken, proves its title. This chart shows that the private utilities are not as efficient as the public ones, besides charging their customers for the $20,000,000 worth of advertising they buy each year. It never occurs to them that lower rates might produce more good will than magazine space.—(LPA)

Eccles and Giannini Key Figures in Titanic Bank Battle, Hints Writer

The Associated Cooperator, published in Oakland, carries in its current issue the following story by John Carson of the Cooperative News Service:

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Throughout the last quarter century, the earth has trembled beneath financial and political Washington when Amadeo Peter Giannini of San Francisco turned thumbs up or down.

Throughout the entire banking structure in the United States, according to the best of authorities, the earth would tremble if anything happened to Giannini—now 77—and his Transamerica Corporation, and his Bank of America, and the hundreds of banking institutions which are in Giannini's shadow.

The national bank deposit guarantee fund, or reserves, where a billion dollars stands as a bulwark to protect bank deposits throughout the country, might be wiped out in one swoop if Giannini's throne were to totter, suggested a banking authority with an ominous shake in his head.

GIANNINI NOT AFRAID

But Amadeo Peter Giannini is not afraid. He has been in many wars, and he has always conquered. When bank doors were closed by order of "FDR" in 1933, Giannini's doors were not closed. When Giannini retired and New York financiers moved in, and Giannini disagreed with them, Giannini armed himself with "proxies" and pushed Wall Street back to New York.

When Giannini was halted by one rule of Government, he organized a holding company and marched on. If it seemed his place must be slowed in the United States, Giannini's banks developed in foreign countries.

CONTROLS FINANCIAL EMPIRE

Now, Giannini's banking institutions are an empire, the largest banking institution in the world. That is the banking empire which the Federal Reserve Board has summoned to appear and prove it is not violating the anti-trust laws. Hearings started December 7.

This story of Giannini and his banking empire is the stuff of which drama is made. But the story is in many respects and with all of its implications, the biggest story in Washington today. Empires such as this cannot be sick without a world suffering.

MYSTERY BEHIND SUIT

Why the Federal Reserve Board struck at this time is one of the mysteries. Since 1913, the Board has had authority to prosecute monopoly in the banking structure. In fact, it alone has such authority. But it has never used the authority until now. Years ago, when one agency of Government and then another poked a finger at Giannini, and then was hustled off and put to bed, the Reserve Board was warned it had the authority and the obligation to proceed. But it did not challenge "the champion" at that time, or throughout all the years as Giannini's empire grew.

Why has it struck now? One of the stories is that Marriner S. Eccles, once the Governor of the Board, was deposed some months ago when Giannini frowned at him. President Truman appointed another Governor.

This may be a final bout between Giannini and Eccles. Despite the fact that he is no longer Governor of the Board—and the most powerful single figure in our banking world—Eccles still dominates the Board.

Senator Ball, on Way Out, Is Busy

WASHINGTON (LPA)—His head bloody, but unbowed, union-hating Sen. Joseph Ball R., Minn.) returned to Washington. Though he and the Taft-Hartley law he loves so well were repudiated in November's elections, Ball reappeared in the nation's capital resolved to get in a few good final licks for T-H.

He promptly summoned the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations, of which he is chairman until January, to meet. Purpose of the meeting, which most of the Republican members, and only a few of the Democrats, plan to attend, is to approve the final report of the Committee's observance of Taft-Hartley in action.

Like its predecessors this report is expected to be a complete whitewash of the anti-union statute. In addition to the report of the committee staff, Ball and his Republican colleagues will submit a series of findings and recommendations which will be the basis of the GOP's argument against repeal of Taft-Hartley when the new Congress meets.

Another congressional ghost, Rep. Fred Hartley (R., N. J.) is expected to be on hand to support Ball. They want to be sure to have their last official anti-union screed printed and in circulation before the new Committee majority, led by Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) takes over and cuts off this source of NAM propaganda.

Cut Congress' Pay Unless . . . Says Marsh

WASHINGTON (LPA) — In the midst of all the talk of raising top government salaries, including those of congressmen, a good suggestion has come from Ben Marsh, veteran head of the People's Lobby.

Marsh says that "the salaries of members of Congress should be cut unless it cuts living costs."

"Unless Congress can turn back prices it isn't worth what it costs," Washington's veteran progressive gadfly thinks.

"No one begrudges Congressmen a fair salary if they deliver the goods, but merely wringing hands and cussing out the NAM isn't delivery," he points out.

Marsh explains that the Congressmen will have to use their heads, because neither of the major parties' platforms provide adequate guides to inflation control legislation. And they'll have plenty of trouble too, Marsh believes, because "293 members of the House and 71 members of the Senate are college graduates, and 'economics' in most American colleges are designed to increase endowment funds and contributions."

But, the People's Lobby executive admits, "a real man can live down four misspent college years."

2 More Trade Union Men Go to Harvard

PHILADELPHIA (LPA) — Upholsterers' International Union-AFL has voted to send two UIU representatives to Harvard each year under the Harvard trade union fellowship program.

The first two to receive scholarships are John Sachelli business agent of Local 69, Rochester, N. Y., and Ray Pudliner, president of Local 162, Allentown, Pa. All expenses will be paid by the union.

Aide to Petrillo

AFM Release

Appointment of A. Rex Riccardi as first assistant to the president of the American Federation of Musicians was announced by James C. Petrillo, head of the musicians' union.

Mr. Riccardi, 46, whose home is in Larchmont, New York, succeeds Harry J. Steeper, who was elected international treasurer of the union, succeeding Thomas F. Gamble, who resigned because of ill health.

Unemployment in Bituminous Mines

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — Over 2500 bituminous coal miners, 10% of the Pittsburgh area's total, were unemployed last week, John P. Busarello, president of District 5 United Mine Workers declared.

Reports received here indicate that in western Maryland and West Virginia miners earnings have been halved recently as the result of decreasing production. In Colorado the industry is now operating on a four day week, while Kentucky's truck mines are on a two to three day schedule.

Decrease in the war-time demand for low grade coals is part of the story, as is the decline in coal exports, and a warm fall. Some reporters here believe that it isn't the whole picture, however.

They point out that the Rockefeller combine, which controls a large segment of the oil industry, is also involved in the coal business. Fearful that oil reserves might be syphoned off from under them, or subjected to government controls, they are pushing oil sales now, and permitting the coal demand to decline. Recent advertising campaigns by the Rockefeller-owned Standard Oil Companies plugging oil-burning equipment directly competing with coal is cited in support of this thesis.

That the consumer is gyped in many cases of transfer from coal to oil heating is clear from a report issued by the Anthracite Institute last week. It points out that fuel oil has risen 41% more in price per heat energy unit since 1946 than has coal.

The threat of declining coal production was anticipated by the United Mine Workers at their convention last fall. President John L. Lewis warned them that if the industry did not stabilize itself the UMW was prepared to tackle the job. UMW leaders are reported to be considering plans now for spreading work in the mines.

Real Estate Lobby Moving in Early

WASHINGTON L(PA)—A lobbying fund that is more than double the 1948 figure will be asked of real estate men in early January, when various committees of the National Association of Real Estate Boards meet here to open their drive on housing and rent control legislation in the 81st Congress.

The 20,000 NAREB members will be asked to pay a $5-a-year dues increase, which will go for "combating the drive under way in this country to socialize rental housing."

Descending on this city January 7 through 13 will be presidents of local real estate boards, members of the Realtors' Washington Committee, and other NAREB subcommittees. All sessions at which strategy will be mapped are strictly secret.

Profits High, They Ask More, Says Fed

State Federation News Service

Requests for rate increases which would add $40,000,000 to gas and telephone service costs of California consumers have been made by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and are now pending with the State Public Utilities Commission.

During recent months both companies have announced that profits after taxes for most of 1948 are at record highs and substantially above the figures for the preceding year.

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Liberals Have Plan For Making un-Am. Hearings More Fair

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Widely publicized espionage exposes by the House Un-American Activities Committee have not changed the feeling of most liberal Congressmen that the Committee's procedures must be brought into line with basic democratic principles.

Two lines of attack on the problem were proposed last week.

Reps. Walter Huber (D., Ohio) and Emmanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) indicated that they are preparing to replace the Un-American Activities Committee with a special committee on civil rights. Infringement upon civil liberties, whether by Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, or any other group should be spotlighted by Congress, they maintained.

On the other hand, Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Cal.) suggested that the best policy might be to leave the Committee in business, but hand it a set of rules which would protect the rights of persons appearing before it.

Key to Holifield's bill of rights would be permission to persons attacked by committee witnesses to be represented by counsel, present witnesses in their own behalf, and cross-examine their accusers. Holifield's recommendations were generally agreed to by a special committee of the conservative N. Y. Bar Association. Committee supporters are expected, however, to demand an unqualified vote of confidence when Congress meets.

Employment High, But Some Clouds

State Federation News Service

A small seasonal gain of about 60,000 raised nonagricultural employment to the record level of nearly 46 million in mid-October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor reports.

While this was much less than the September-October increase last year, non-farm employment was 1.2 million above the year-ago figure.

Although the total employment picture continues strong, there are disturbing indications that readjustments are under way in several consumer goods industries where backlogs have been filled and some consumer resistance to high prices is being encountered.

Auto Dealers Face New Racket Charge

WASHINGTON (LPA) — After last month's congressional hearings on car dealers, most of us thought we'd heard of all the ways they gypped customers out of $450,000,000 this year.

However, when hearings reopened last week before the House subcommittee headed by Rep. W. Kingsland Macy (R., N. Y.) an entirely new racket came to light. A character known through Washington advertising as "Uncle Joe" Cherner, president of Cherner Motor Company, a Ford dealer, has a new wrinkle which isn't as easy to pull off as most of the standard car rackets. For this one you have to own a bank.

Witnesses testified that 5486 customers were still waiting for delivery of new cars on the Cherner list. It seems that 101 of these orders were taken before 1946. Only 15 of the 109 cars delivered last July went to customers on the list and only one to a man who had no car to trade in. The customers have $27,000 on deposit for the privilege of being on the list.

That, you may say, is nothing new. The new angle is that Cherner deposited the money in his own bank and invested it in building and loan deals which paid him $13,024 in dividends. The money grows while it sits around and the depositors get none of the interest. No wonder he's in no hurry to fill those orders.

J. R. Davis, a vice-president of the Ford Motor Co. told the subcommittee that 24 Ford dealers have lost their franchises for gray market transactions during the last two years. He refused to comment on Cherner, who still has the franchise for two Ford agencies in the Washington area.

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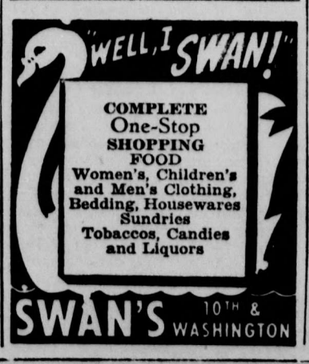
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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

WHAT RIGHT HAS VA TO DECIDE LENGTH OF UNION WORK WEEK?

Surely the Building Trades Council will succeed in the effort to get the Veterans Administration to modify its ruling on the number of hours that constitute a work week.

If the BTC does not succeed in this, then the sort of stupidity that some citizens associate with bureaucracy will have triumphed over commonsense.

The VA has ruled that if a veteran who is an apprentice works less than 36 hours a week he is considered officially a part-time worker, and therefore shall have the subsistence sum paid him by the VA cut 25%.

This means that one branch of the Government has without proper authorization from the Congress or President or Department of Labor decided exactly what the American work week shall be. No matter what management and organized labor decide through collective bargaining, 36 hours is a work week, and nothing less—and that's that!

It so happens that in various branches of the building industry and in various parts of the country, labor and management had previously decided otherwise, setting up a work week shorter than 36 hours.

Nothing could be simpler than to have the VA amend its ruling to provide that any veteran who is an apprentice in the building trades working less than the hours per week customary in that trade in his area, shall be considered a part-time worker.

Simple as that is, it's still too complicated to get through the heads of high VA functionaries in Washington, according to reports sent back to the local Building Trades Council by spokesmen for the AFL Building Trades Department. These exalted VA blunderblinds hold that this would be too complicated, since there are so many different work weeks.

Well, it IS complicated to live in a rapidly evolving democratic economy where customs grow in management and industry instead of being decreed by the bureaucratic brass. But that's the kind of economy we have, and perhaps the VA should study up on it. It never hurts anyone to find what kind of country he's living in.

2-COAST LONGSHORE PROBLEMS

The other day twenty gangs of AFL longshoremen working North River piers in New York City walked out for an hour to protest the questioning of a boss loader in a murder case.

The case involved was the waylaying and killing last April of Thomas Collentine, a hiring stevedore. As Collentine was leaving his home for work he was mowed down by gunmen hiding behind his own automobile. The slayers have not been found.

The killing was one episode in a long series of what might euphemistically be called untoward happenings which has reached a stage where steamship companies refuse to sign leases for the use of piers in what they claim are "racket-ridden waterfront areas." As a result, the City of New York, owner of the piers, has started an investigation, and it was in the course of this investigation that the man was questioned, and the twenty gangs of longshoremen walked off the job in protest.

The threat has been made by some of the longshoremen that if at any time during the investigation a man is taken up by the authorities for questioning, work will stop on the waterfront. One union official is quoted as having complained that most of the waterfront workmen are honest men with families.

"As for the others, the men with records," he said, "they have paid their debt to society, and should be let alone."

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District Attorney Frank S. Hogan of New York spent an hour with the press, discussing the issues involved. The New York Times says that he "referred to the kick-back system on the waterfront, to the outmoded shape-up systems by which longshoremen are employed, and to the loading racket as facets in a wide social problem that the city would have to solve."

The District Attorney said that it is no crime to hire an ex-convict, and that "indeed there is a distinct social necessity for finding places for them to earn an honest living," but he posed this question:

"Why are so many known ex-convicts and gangsters employed on the piers? Why are they given positions of union leadership?"

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All this is of considerable interest to AFL people on this coast, as "the outmoded shape-up system by which longshoremen are employed" on the Atlantic Coast formerly prevailed here, and was in fact one of the principal grievances which Harry Bridges and his undercover backers were able to exploit in persuading our Pacific Coast longshoremen to secede from the AFL International Longshoremen's Association and form the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

It is now almost universally agreed by sincere students of industrial relations that the hiring hall system now prevalent here is much superior to the "outmoded shape-up system."

Since there is some growing chance of the longshoremen here on the Pacific Coast understanding the kind of idealogical racket which the Bridges group is playing, it is especially to be hoped that our own AFL longshoremen on the Atlantic Coast will not assume that merely walking off the job in protest will solve all the problems which District Attorney Hogan of New York cites.

ASSOCIATED FARMER SCHEMES

Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Bureau of Employment Security, told a group in Washington recently that all domestic labor sources are utilized before foreign workers are imported by Government arrangement. He estimates that this year about 45,000 foreign workers will be brought in.

The Associated Farmers, when they met recently to elect labor-hating Phil Bancroft of Walnut Creek as their president, and to launch their scheme for insuring farmers in this State against strikes, also devoted much attention to the supposed need for importing foreign labor for the farms of California.

If the Bancroft-led Associated Farmers have their way, these imported laborers will be used as scabs to break up the AFL National Farm Labor Union. Anyone who doesn't know that doesn't know much.

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

THE STATE CHAMBER of Commerce, bless its honest old profit-protecting heart, declares that power development on reclamation projects should remain "incidental and subordinate" to irrigation and flood control.

Also, the Chamber opposes Federal funds for power distribution facilities where private capital is perpared to provide these facilities; and, if Government money has built power-developing facilities, the Government should, says the Chamber, sell power at its source on a basis of equality between private and public purchasers.

Note the steady line of retreat, but at each pause throwing up a bulwark.

First, make power development purely incidental and subordinate, so there won't be any danger of a comprehensive forward-looking power program being developed.

Second, don't have any Government-built distribution facilities, so the private utilities can monkey around and delay things for their own convenience and profit.

Third, after the Government has put its money into developing power, let the private utilities which have spent chunks of the public's money collected from their customers in opposing public power, go right ahead and get at a cheap rate the public power which they opposed.

We should note, too, that hearings were recently held by a committee of the Legislature to determine whether or not the State could or should take over the operation of Central Valley Project. You may be sure that the private utilities will favor the State taking CVP over. Mr. Warren and the private utilities failed to capture the Presidency, Vice-Presidency, and Congress of the United States, but they retained control of the Governorship and the Legislature of the State of California.

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LABOR-HATERS SORRY FOR NON-UNIONISTS

Recently one E. L. Stephens trotted out the old argument of labor-haters that a percentage of the workers, organized labor, keeps on getting better and better pay and conditions, but that nobody cares what happens to the "millions of unorganized workers."

Mark Starr of the AFL Ladies' Garment Workers took up the argument, and pointed out:

"The 15,000,000 trade unionists out of the 40,000,000 salary and wage earners are something more than a percentage, because every student of industrial history agrees that it is the organized group which sets the conditions; and the non-union workers, in most cases, are the 'free riders.' The latter are like people who want to enjoy the public services without paying any taxes. There is no record in industrial history of a non-unionist who has refused a wage advance won by union effort."

Yet if a non-union restaurant is picketed in the course of an organizing campaign, the weepers of crocodile tears are sure to say that "the workers in this restaurant get good wages and have good conditions—why should they join a union and support union bosses?"

To which Mark Starr and every informed trade unionist would reply: "Because it is the dues-paying union members who have created the conditions in the restaurant industry which this non-union restaurant management now feels compelled to meet—and these non-union workers are getting something for nothing; they are free riders on the dues-supported trade union transportation system."

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MORE LOVE OF ARTS WOULD HELP UNIONS

Carleton Smith, director of the National Arts Foundation, says that "there is much to be done to increase our people's enjoyment of the arts. We will have more and more leisure time. It remains to be determined whether, like the ancient Romans, we will have circuses and get drunk every Saturday night, or whether, like the Greeks, we will build Parthenons."

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This question is of importance to labor unions. Some union officials have felt that the shorter hours, the more leisure, their members have, the less time they are willing to put in on serious union business.

Certainly it seems possible that the more frivolous and commercialized our forms of recreation are, the less are we inclined to "build Parthenons." So far we labor people, like the vast majority of all classes of Americans, have been satisfied to spend our spare time drinking, driving automobiles bumper to bumper, and attending commercial sports and entertainments, that we have done very little "to increase our people's enjoyment of the arts," to use Mr. Smith's phrase.

This National Arts Foundation, which plans "to continue research in how art can become more important in the lives of Americans," may help us improve this situation. And we do need help!

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LABOR DEPT. TELL 'THE OTHER SIDE'

Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson announces that henceforth the Bureau of Labor Statistics will make regular reports on peaceful settlements of labor disputes "to show the other side of the picture" in contrast with the reports of strike statistics.

That is a good move. Perhaps there will be more good moves of the sort as the Department of Labor has its proper functions restored.

Liberty of contract begins where equality of bargaining power begins. —Mr. Justice Holmes.

"Say Ah!"



LAWYERS SURELY HAVE UNION, SAYS LABOR PAPER

Labor, the lively weekly put out by the railway labor unions, recently had this to say about what it headlined as "The Lawyers' Union, its Air-Tight Closed Shop Enforced by Judges:"

Most lawyers express a low opinion of "closed shops"—for labor unions. If the latter ever asked a court to give them the closed shop —without benefit of law or collective bargairing—the average lawyer would "have a fit."

Yet the "Lawyers' Union" not only has a closed shop more air-tight than anything labor ever dreamed of, but also got it enforced this week by a court at Norristown, Pennsylvania, and "attorneys at law" looked upon the event with calm approval.

Some time ago, as was reported by LABOR last June, the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Bar Association, a "local" of the "Lawyers' Union," got into a "jurisdictional dispute" with lawyers outside the county, chiefly in Philadelphia.

OUTSIDERS, INSIDERS

The "outside" lawyers were coming into Montgomery county and handling cases in its courts, thus taking away from local lawyers business which is very profitable, because Montgomery is a wealthy county with "rich pickings" for the legal profession.

So the local lawyers' "closed shop," called the County Bar Association, ruled that no "outside" lawyer could appear in the county's courts, unless he "established his principal office in the county." Of course, that was an impossible requirement, for lawyers whose main practice was elsewhere.

Two Philadelphia lawyers challenged that rule in the county courts. This week, three local judges, who are also members of the "Lawyers' Union," ruled against one of the protesting attorneys, Roland J. Christy.

Christy, the three judges said, "meets all requirements so far as his legal attainments and good moral character are concerned." Nevertheless, they declared, in effect, he can't practice law in the county because the local lawyers' "closed shop" rules says he can't.

STATE-WIDE PACTS

When a lawyer is barred from a court, he is "through," because courts are the only "shop" in which lawyers can make their living.

The other protesting Philadelphia lawyer, Wendell B. Stewart, carried his case clear up to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It, too, decided he was barred from the Montgomery County courts by the local lawyers' "closed shop" rules.

Some other Pennsylvania counties have similar local "closed shops," barring lawyers unless they have lived within the county for at least five years.

Many state-wide "closed shops" are enforced by State Bar Associations, which are branches of the national "Lawyers' Union" — the American Bar Association.

These state "closed shops" are called by the fancy name, "Integrated Bar." Under their rules, no lawyer can practice in the state courts unless he is a member of the "Lawyers' Union" and keeps his "dues" paid up.

Other examples of "closed shop" tactics by the "Lawyers' Union" could be cited, but these should be enough to make any lawyer hesitate before he denounces the "closed shops" of labor unions.

THANK GOD FOR JNO. L. LEWIS!

The United Mine Workers Journal, which never hesitates to print tributes to a man named Lewis, recently contained a poem on the subject. The editor explained that the poem was written by a "first-time delegate" who prefers anonymity, and who said that "these thoughts were inspired by the great John L. Lewis at the convention" of the UMW. It was at that convention that John L.'s pay was jumped from a mere $25,000 a year to a trifling $50,000 a year. But nobdy denies old Jawn has been a tough fighter for his boys. Here's the poem:

Thank God for a Man, for a Leader of Men
Who hews to the line without pause,
Who fashions his goal from the depths of his soul
And fights day and night for his cause.

Thank God for a Man, for a Leader of Men
Who heeds not the cry of the Pack,
Who slacks not his grip at the lash of the whip,
Whose road leads ahead, never back.

Thank God for a Man, for a Leader of Men
Who hears Destiny call from afar
Who scorns the hot flame of the critic's disdain
And levels his aim on a Star.

Thank God for a Man, for a Leader of Men
Who fights for the lowly and meek
While the self-seeking league and the mighty intrigue
To exploit the humble and weak.

For a Man with a goal that leaps from his soul
And a love for the poor and oppressed
Who will lead a lost cause into Hell's open jaws
By the God of all Miners is blessed.

God's blessing tonight on our Champion of Right
As he beards Labor's foes in their den
And we'll answer his call for whatever befalls
Our Man is a Leader of Men.

THE GOP ROUTINE IN DEFEAT

San Diego Labor Leader

You'd think these hot dopesters who put Thomas E. Dewey in the White House two months ago would be quiet for a while now. But it's not in the cards.

The Republican party is accustomed to defeat and for more than 16 years has been perfecting its routine for making the best of their losses. Don't get the idea they've given up for another four years. They're busy as bees, already.

And so the Republican press, the Republican pundits, and the Republican commentators (and don't think there weren't a flock of "impartial" Republican commentators on the air Election Night and still at it) are now setting out to tell Congress what it should do when it convenes in January.

They may have a rather hard time making their voices heard, since 50 million voters turned in an emphatic mandate to Congress and the White House.

But these Republican propagandists have had plenty of time to learn how to chisel in slowly but surely on public opinion, "selling" voters off their actual beliefs and camouflaging this curious thing called "public opinion" into a lie.

That's what happened in the pre-Election days, when everybody had Dewey doped to win. The pollsters announced the decision of "public opinion," which wasn't right at all —but they almost made voters believe the Democratic cause was hopeless. If they had been completely successful at this, they would have won the election even if they had been lying all along.

WATCHFUL WAITING

An attractive girl and a plain, middle-aged spinster were waiting for a bus.

"Have a cigarette?" asked the girl, opening her case.

"What! Smoke in public," exclaimed the woman, shocked to her depths. "Why, I'd sooner kiss the first man who came down the street!"

"So would I," retorted the girl. "But have a cigarette while you're waiting!"

NO HUNTING

Sign in a grocery store: "The world is coming to an end. Please pay your bills now so we won't have to hunt all over hell for you."

WOMEN
in this World
By EDITH McCONN

AT NEW YEAR, it is our custom to tote along a heavy load of so-called "good resolutions." It wouldn't be New Year without them.

After a few days, or a few weeks, or in rare cases, a few months, this load has been pretty well dropped. We are back just about where we were when the year started.

Why is this? Why can't we keep our resolutions? Most people would answer that it is because of plain human "orneryness." But is it?

Perhaps we don't make the right kind of resolutions. Perhaps they are not psychologically sound. Perhaps for a few short hours we forget we are human and ask too much of ourselves.

In the first place, most resolutions are negative. John is going to quit smoking. Bill is never going to take another drink. Mary is going to give up candy. Susie is going to quit drinking coffee. And so on.

Do these people really mean it? Do they really want to keep these resolutions? As one little girl I know always asks, is it "play" or is it "real?"

In a lot of cases it would seem it is "play." John knows he smokes too much. As a sop to his conscience he makes this resolution. If he were really convinced that this habit was bad for him and if he really wanted to quit it he would "swear off" in June or in September and stick to it.

This does not mean that there is no value to this ancient custom of making good resolutions at the New Year.

A better way to go about it, perhaps, would be to have a general stock-taking. How good am I? How bad am I? How near am I to being the sort of person I want to be?

Abandoning a bad habit might well be a part of this stock-taking. But it should be a lot more than that. It should be a genuine self-examination. And the result in most cases would probably be a few positive resolutions.

Instead of isolated resolutions, a "plan of battle" might work better. "Plans" are a lot more constructive than "resolutions." They are usually more practical and realistic.

Most of us, being human, tend to be lazy. Most of us are more selfish than we would like to be. Most of us have that tendency to put things off.

A stock-taking might put these weaknesses in a true perspective. Then each individual would have to make his own plan of attack on these evidences of the "old Adam."

And, anyway, Happy New Year!

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Can You Spell? Wait and See What Happens Next!

Does simplified spelling shock you? Does your spine quiver when a friend writes "thot" for "thought," or "thoro" for "thorough?"

Well, take a deep breath and resign yourself. We've already got simplified spelling and we'll have more of it. The fact is, English as she is spelled is a big headache not only for foreigners trying to learn our language but for nearly all of us. The best that can be said for it is that it isn't as bad as it used to be.

Falk Johnson, a professor at Northwestern University, says we are badly in need of a speed-up on this simplifying process. Silent letters, he believes, are the greatest stumbling-block. Some five hundred years ago, these letters were pronounced.

Just try pronouncing all the letters in "knickknack," for instance. The Germans are still able to pronounce the "k" which precedes another consonant. They say "knabe" for "boy" and really pronounce the "k" and the "n".

Nor do we pronounce "colonel" as we spell it. Nor any number of other words which we could cite.

Only recently have we quit spelling "music" with a "k", "musick." And it was "logick" less than a century ago. The English still spell "labor" with a "u", "labour," and also put a "u" in several other words where we have dropped it.

Most of these changes have come so gradually that we scarcely notice them, and we are due for some more before too long, thinks this professor.

Don't be shocked when they come. After all, just how badly do we need that "p" in "pneumonia" or that "l" in "would?"

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How Tall Will Ladies' Auxiliary Members Be?

When we read that a "tall men's club" has been formed in Stockholm, Sweden, we gasp a bit. We thought everyone in Sweden was tall.

But it seems that some are taller, and this club takes only men who are at least seven feet tall. Junior members may be a mere scrawny six-foot seven.

If this isn't tall a tale, we'd like to have the statistics on about how many men in Sweden are eligible to be members in good standing of this seven-foot club. And how about the ladies' auxiliary?

OPINION TYRANNY

Protection . . . against the tyranny of the magistrate is not enough; there needs protection also against the tyranny of the prevailing opinion and feeling; against the tendency of society to impose, by other means than civil penalties, its own ideas and practices as rules of conduct on those who dissent from them; to fetter the development, and, if possible, prevent the formation, of any individuality not in harmony with its ways, and compel all characters to fashion themselves upon the model of its own. There is a limit to the legitimate interference of collective opinion with individual independence; and to find that limit, and maintain it against encroachment, is as indispensable to a good condition of human affairs, as protection against political despotism — **John Stuart Mill, famous English Philosopher.**

Elephant's Nightmare
By JOHN J. SWATTEM

Republicans are beginning to feel
Votes don't add up to a proper sum:
They don't know whether to copy New Deal,
Or just continue to be so dumb!

SEASON MESSAGE

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary, California State Federation of Labor

Labor can be thankful on this season's holiday for the large and important share it contributed in helping to restore government to the people. The message it sought to convey to the millions of American voters—of which it is one of the largest segments—apparently did not fall on deaf ears. It was heard and it was convincing. This was not because labor had an axe to grind, but because the call was a desperate appeal for a program to meet the pressing and critical needs of an anxious people.

What did labor want? Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, sure! But that would not have persuaded the millions of farmers, small business men, professional people and others to support the progressive candidates in the election. Labor demanded more: that inflation be controlled; that a program to build homes for the lower income groups be adopted and put into effect immediately; that landlord gouging be stopped and an effective rent control act be enacted.

OTHER OBJECTIVES

The establishment of a prepaid medical health plan, a minimum wage of at least 75 cents an hour, social security coverage for all wage earners, increased social security benefits, initiation of adequate adult education, elimination of racial restrictions and enactment of genuine civil rights for all were some but not all of the other objectives for which labor fought.

Who could oppose such urgently necessary and unpostponable wants? Only the privileged minority. This explains why labor was such a potent force in the last election. It was a program for the people, and they responded.

Time and again the organized labor movement has fought for the most progressive social needs. It has been identified with every important campaign to have them fulfilled. The record will bear this out. The record will also substantiate that labor's program extends far beyond its own selfish interests. In this and in this only, does the strength of labor lie in the long run.

NO BOASTING!

There is nothing to be boastful of. A good and necessary job was done. Clear thinking and an awareness of the people's needs were the driving forces behind our achievement. The 81st Congress will take up where the 80th left off. A miserable record has to be expunged, and the mandate of the people must be legislated in its place. This is what we of labor expect of the Congress.

The sharp and rapid shifts in the international scene permit no delay in the stabilization of the home base. A united nation functioning in behalf of the people is the greatest guarantee against an eruption outside. If for this reason alone, the new congress cannot let itself be gerrymandered into unprincipled compromise because of the narrow, selfish and unenlightened factional activity of small cliques who speak for little more than themselves.

Labor will continue to fight for its program and be ever mindful of the community interest. It has grown up to assume this responsibility, and it will continue to exercise it to the very best of its ability.

PROGRAM FOR THE REPUBLICANS

New York Times

In a post-election statement addressed to fellow party members the present chairman of the Republican National Committee, Representative Hugh D. Scott Jr., outlines what he believes should be the proper policy and program of the Opposition during the two years that will elapse before there is another test of public sentiment, in the Congressional elections of 1950. Mr. Scott's chief emphasis is on what he calls "auditing and policing the Truman New Deal," by which he explains that he means calling public attention prominently to each prospective failure of Mr. Truman to carry out his many and sometimes contradictory promises to the voters. But as if aware that this may well turn out to be a somewhat negative and barren enterprise, Mr. Scott agrees that Republican policy must have a positive side as well. "It must be obvious to all of us," he says, "that we must spell out an affirmative, appealing program."

How to do this? Mr. Scott has no suggestion here, other than to say: "Of necessity, and quite properly, during the next two years the policy of the Republican party will be fixed by the votes of its members in Congress." But this is just where doubts arise. After sixteen years of dealing with a Democratic President the great bulk of the Congressional Republicans have got themselves so deeply in the rut of almost automatic opposition to any proposal emanating from the White House, they have become so mired in the custom of expecting to win votes merely by waiting for the other side to make mistakes, that they have lost the habit of shaping "affirmative, appealing programs." There is a great deal of evidence to prove, in fact, that in their thinking on most social and economic questions the Congressional Republicans lag a good way behind the rest of the party elsewhere, and behind public opinion generally. Are they alone to write the record of the Opposition for the next two years?

Mr. Scott, it seems to us, would do well to set aside part of the close attention which he intends to devote to watching for Mr. Truman's blunders and divert this part of devising means by which grass-roots sentiment can be brought into the high councils of the Republican party.

AND UNIONS ARE GROUPS

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Group "emotion" — like "propaganda"—may be bad, but it also may be good. The whole business needs a lot more study from the scientific point of view.

So suggests Dr. Franklin Fearing, professor of psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles, who recently reported on the concept of emotion in group behavior to the Second International Symposium on Feelings and Emotion in Chicago.

"There appears to be a need for reexamination of the data and assumptions regarding 'emotionality' as a peculiar characteristic of group behavior," he points out.

"The word 'emotional' is usually identified with 'irrational' and both are identified as 'bad'. This is dubious from the scientific point of view and may actually delay the emergence of a real scientific approach to collective behavior."

Dr. Fearing believes that especial emphasis should be placed on studying the concept of emotion as applied to social behavior—particularly group behavior. The traditional use of the term tends to devaluate collective behavior and constitutes a barrier to understanding the full creative possibilities of groups in a democratic society.

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